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November 3, 2009 General Election



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Learn, give back... and vote!

This is your opportunity. Following up on the record-breaking 2008 election season, we in Washington State are getting involved in our communities as never before. As we weather these difficult economic times together, we are rolling up our sleeves and finding meaningful ways to get engaged, to give back, to volunteer, and to help find solutions to some of our toughest problems.

My office has adopted the theme FindYour One Thing this year to underscore a simple truth – that each and every person has the gifts and talents to make a difference. It can be a simple act, like changing to environmentally-friendly lightbulbs, or something more involved, like volunteering in our schools or working with people with disabilities, the elderly, or the hungry.

As your chief elections official, I hope that your “civic engagement” will also include registering and voting. It has never been easier. Visit us online at www.vote.wa.gov for a variety of resources, including online registration, customized voter information at MyVote, and the Online Voters’ Guide.

As you scan this newly redesigned Voters’ Pamphlet, you’ll notice the 2009 election features two statewide ballot measures. But this year’s election is mostly dedicated to picking our local government leaders. Some areas will have legislative and judicial races, as well. If your local candidate information is not included in this pamphlet, your county elections department will have information available for you.

This is your time to choose, and to get involved.

Thanks for participating!

Sincerely,



SAM REED

Secretary of State



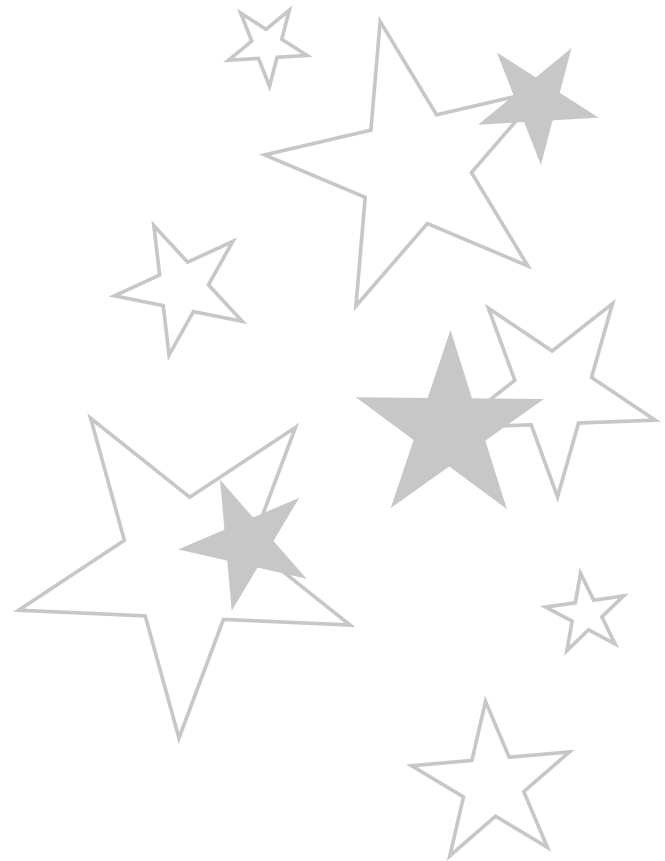
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Your Voters' Pamphlet has changed

The Elections Division has worked hard, in collaboration with AIGA's Design for Democracy program, to bring you the fresh new look you will find in these pages. Our goal is to present you the same outstanding information in an updated format. We hope you like what you see.

Let us know what you think. Send us an email at voterspamphlet@secstate.wa.gov.

Voting in Washington State

Voter Qualifications

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day; and
- If you have been convicted of a felony in Washington, another state, or in federal court, you lose your right to vote in Washington State until you are released from Department of Corrections supervision.

In Washington State, you do not declare political party affiliation when you register to vote.

Registration Deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. You must register by mail or online at least 29 days before an election. If you are a new voter in Washington State, you may register in person at your county elections department up to eight days before an election. The phone number and address of your county elections department is located in the back of this pamphlet. You do not need to register before each election; only register once.

How to Register to Vote

If you have a Washington State driver's license or identification card, you may register to vote online at www.vote.wa.gov. Registration forms are also available online or at your county elections department, public libraries, schools, and other government offices. You may also request a form through the State Voter Information Hotline at (800) 448-4881.

Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-Date

You can use the online or mail-in voter registration form to let your county elections department know when you move or change your name. You must re-register or transfer your registration at least 29 days before the election to be eligible to vote in your new precinct.

Election Dates and Poll Hours

The General Election is November 3, 2009. Polling place hours (Pierce County only) are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Replacement Ballots

If you are registered to vote by mail or absentee and you didn't receive your ballot, call your county elections department and request a replacement ballot.

Campaign Spending Information

Contact the Public Disclosure Commission at 711 Capitol Way, Rm 206, PO Box 40908, Olympia, WA 98504-0908, or by phone (360) 753-1111, email pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov, or www.pdcca.wa.gov.

Services and Additional Assistance

Contact your county elections department for help voting your ballot, finding your polling location (Pierce County only), or with questions about voter registration. The phone number and address of your county elections department is located in the back of this pamphlet. Contact the Office of the Secretary of State for the following.

- Voters' Pamphlets in alternate formats or languages.

- Additional information about initiatives or referenda.

This information is also available at www.vote.wa.gov or call the Voter Information Hotline at (800) 448-4881.

View Election Results

On Election Day after 9 p.m. you can view county and statewide election results at www.vote.wa.gov.



Voter registration deadlines

You must register by mail or online at least 29 days before an election. If you are a new voter in Washington State, you may register in person at your county elections department up to eight days before an election.

The Ballot Measure Process

The Washington State Constitution affords voters two methods of direct legislative power — the initiative and the referendum.

While differing in process, both initiatives and referenda leave ultimate legislative authority in the hands of the people.

The Initiative

Initiatives to the People - Initiatives to the people, if certified to have sufficient signatures, are submitted for a vote of the people at the next state general election.

Initiatives to the Legislature - Initiatives to the Legislature, if certified to have sufficient signatures, are submitted to the Legislature at its regular session each January.

Any registered voter, acting individually or on behalf of an organization, may propose an initiative to create a new state law or to amend or repeal an existing statute.

To certify an initiative (to the people or to the Legislature), the sponsor must circulate the complete text of the proposal among voters and obtain a number of legal voter signatures equal to 8 percent of the total number of votes cast for the office of Governor at the last regular gubernatorial election.

Initiative measures appearing on the ballot require a simple majority vote to become law (except for gambling or lottery measures, which require 60 percent approval).

The Referendum

Referendum Bills - Referendum bills are proposed laws referred to the electorate by the Legislature.

Referendum Measures - Referendum measures are laws recently passed by the Legislature that are placed on the ballot because of petitions signed by voters.

Any registered voter, acting individually or on behalf of an organization, may demand, by petition, that a law passed by the Legislature be referred to a vote of the electorate prior to its going into effect. Emergency legislation is exempt from the referendum process.

To certify a referendum measure to the ballot, the sponsor must circulate among voters the text of the legislative act to be referred, and obtain a number of legal voter signatures equal to 4 percent of the total number of votes cast for the office of Governor at the last regular gubernatorial election.

A referendum certified to the ballot must receive a simple majority vote to become law (except for gambling and lottery measures, which require 60 percent approval).

Please note: The preceding information is not intended as a substitute for the statutes governing the initiative and referendum processes, but rather should be read in conjunction with them.

For more information go to www.vote.wa.gov and click on "Handbook for Filing Initiatives and Referenda in WA State."

Initiative Measure**1033**

Proposed by initiative petition:

Initiative Measure No. 1033 concerns state, county and city revenue.

This measure would limit growth of certain state, county and city revenue to annual inflation and population growth, not including voter-approved revenue increases. Revenue collected above the limit would reduce property tax levies.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

The Official Ballot Title and the Explanatory Statement were written by the Attorney General as required by law. The Fiscal Impact Statement was written by the Office of Financial Management as required by law. The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of arguments or statements (WAC 434-381-180). The complete text of Initiative Measure 1033 begins on page 11.

Explanatory Statement

The Law as it Presently Exists:

State and local governments receive revenue through taxes and fees. Some of the rates for these taxes and fees are set by elected representatives in the state Legislature, or in the case of certain local taxes, by local city councils, county councils, or boards of county commissioners. Local taxes may be imposed only if they are authorized by state law. The rates for taxes paid to the State of Washington are set in statute by the Legislature. The voters may also enact laws regarding taxes by initiative or, if applicable, by referendum. Some local taxes can only be imposed if the local voters approve them. State law also permits the assessment of certain

fees by state or local agencies, as authorized by the Legislature.

The State deposits much of the revenue that it receives from taxes and fees into the state general fund and into accounts referred to by the law as "related funds." Cities and counties place much of the revenue that they receive from taxes and fees into local "current expense funds." These funds are similar in nature to the State's general fund. State law limits spending from the State general fund and "related funds" to the prior year's expenditures from those funds, increased by the average growth in state personal income for the prior ten years. The spending limit does not apply to city and county expenditures.

The state constitution and state statutes limit the maximum amount of revenue that state and local governments may collect from property taxes in a given year, and the amount that property taxes may be increased each year. The state constitution generally limits the total of all annual property tax levies on a particular property to no more than 1% of its true and fair value, unless voters approve higher property taxes. In addition, by statute, the total amount of money that any state or local jurisdiction receives from property taxes may only increase by 1% per year, or the rate of inflation. Total property tax revenue for each jurisdiction can only go up by more than this amount if the voters of that jurisdiction approve the increase by a majority vote. Property taxes for particular parcels may increase or decrease by more or less than that amount, depending on changes in assessed valuation or new construction. Property taxes are levied by both state and local governments. Local property taxes are levied by cities, counties, and special districts, either by the elected representatives or through voter approval of specific property tax levies.

The Effect of the Proposed Measure, if Approved:

This measure would limit the growth of revenue to the State's general fund and "related funds," and to cities' and counties' local "current expense funds," based on an annual rate of inflation and population growth. If the State or any city or county receives revenue in a given year above the revenue limit established by the measure, then it must deposit the revenues above the limit into a separate account, and reduce the amount that it otherwise would be authorized to levy in property taxes in the following year by that amount.

The limit on revenue growth would not apply to

revenue increases approved by the voters at an election, and money received from the federal government would not be included in the State's revenue limit. The inflation rate used to calculate the revenue growth limit would be based on the implicit price deflator for the United States. The limit on state general fund revenue also would be based on changes in statewide population, while for cities and counties it would be based on changes in population for each city and county. The revenue limit would be adjusted if the costs of any program or service are shifted to or from the state general fund or local current expense fund to another fund, or if revenue is transferred from the state general fund or local current expense fund to another fund.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Impact Through Calendar Year 2015

Initiative 1033 limits annual growth of state, city and county general fund revenue to the rate of inflation and population growth. General fund revenues exceeding this limit must be used to reduce the following year's state, city or county general fund property tax levy. The initiative reduces state general fund revenues that support education; social, health and environmental services; and general government activities by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015. The initiative also reduces general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general government activities by an estimated \$694 million for counties and \$2.1 billion for cities by 2015.

General Assumptions

The initiative is set on a calendar year (CY) basis.

CY 2010 revenue limit is calculated as follows: CY 2009 General Fund Revenue \times (1 + 2009 % Change Population) \times (1 + 2009 % Change Inflation).

CY 2010 general fund revenues that exceed the CY 2010 revenue limit will be transferred into new "Lower Property Tax Accounts" for the state, counties and cities. The first transfer(s) into the new accounts will occur in CY 2011.

The first property tax levy to be reduced by the initiative is the 2011 levy, which is collected in CY 2012. Thus, funds will be transferred from the new "Lower Property Tax Accounts" into state, county and city general funds in CY 2012 to account for any reduction in 2011 levies.

State Revenue Estimate - Assumptions

The initiative defines state general fund revenue as the aggregate of revenue from taxes, fees and other governmental charges received by state government that are deposited into any fund subject to the state's expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025. For CY 2009 and CY 2010, state general fund revenues are General Fund – State revenue estimates from the June 2009 Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council converted from a fiscal-year basis to a calendar-year basis.

The following state revenue sources, totaling less than \$30 million annually, have been excluded from these estimates:

- Sales and income from property.
- Contributions and grants.
- Grant and loan repayments.
- Indirect and prior cost recoveries.
- Unclaimed property.
- Charges for publications and documents.
- Interest and investment earnings.

State general fund revenues for CYs 2011–15 are estimated to grow, on average, by the change in real per capita personal income plus change in inflation plus change in population, adjusted for revenue elasticity. This methodology is consistent with prior long-term revenue forecasts produced by the Office of Financial Management (OFM), and results in an average annual growth rate of 4.8 percent.

State general fund revenues are reduced by the amount required to be transferred into the Budget Stabilization Account created under Article 7, Section 12, of the Washington State Constitution.

The initiative defines inflation as the annual percentage change in the Implicit Price Deflator for Personal Consumption for the United States as published on or about March 27 each calendar year by the Bureau of Economic Analysis and reported by OFM. Inflation estimates for CY 2009 and CY 2011 are from the June 2009 Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast. Inflation estimates for CYs 2012–15 are from the June 2009 IHS Global Insight forecast of the Implicit Price Deflator for the United States. The Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council relies on IHS Global Insight models and data for the U.S. portion of the official state economic forecast.

The initiative defines population growth as the percentage change in the statewide population based on the annual statewide population determinations reported by OFM during the prior calendar year and the current calendar year. Statewide population growth estimates are from OFM's 30-Year Forecast of the State Population. (See page 9, Figure 1.1)

State Costs to Implement - Assumptions

Less than \$50,000 will be incurred by OFM in CY 2009 and CY 2010 to set up, test and verify computer systems, and establish policies and practices to implement a state general fund revenue limit.

County and City Revenue Estimate - Assumptions

The initiative applies to counties, first class cities, second class cities, code cities, towns and unclassified cities.

To account for possible different patterns in population and revenue growth, counties and cities were analyzed using four groupings:

1. Urban County – 7 counties
2. Rural County – 32 counties
3. Cities in Urban Counties – 109 cities and towns
4. Cities in Rural Counties – 172 cities and towns

Urban counties are Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane and Thurston; all others are rural counties. Under RCW 82.14.370, rural counties are defined as a county with a population density of less than 100 persons per square mile or a county smaller than 225 square miles as determined and published each year by OFM for the period July 1 to June 30.

County and city general fund revenues are defined as the aggregate of revenue from taxes, fees and other governmental charges received by the county or city and deposited into the county current expense fund or city general fund, respectively. County and city revenues are estimated from 2007 financial information contained in the Local Government Financial Reporting System (LGFRS) of the Washington State Auditor's Office. Only funds reported within LGFRS as general fund revenues are assumed to be deposited into the county current expense fund or city general fund, and therefore, are included in these estimates.

The following county and city revenue sources

have been excluded from these estimates:

- Federal and state direct and indirect grants.
- State shared taxes or revenues.
- Charges for contracted services performed by counties or cities.
- Charges for enterprise activities or charges that are not governmental in nature.
- Inter-fund and inter-department charges.
- Interest and investment earnings.

County and city general fund revenue growth rates for CYs 2009–15 are related to the state's revenue growth rate by estimating each grouping's five-year historical rate of revenue growth in proportion to the state's revenue growth rate of 4.8 percent.

Inflation estimates for counties and cities are the same as used for the state.

Population growth is defined as the percentage change in the countywide population for counties and the percentage change in citywide population in cities, as reported annually by OFM. County and city population growth is estimated from OFM's 30-Year Forecast of the State Population, adjusted using OFM's Washington State County Growth Management Population Projections: 2000-2030 and each grouping's historic population growth rates. (See page 9, Figures 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5)

County and City Costs to Implement - Assumptions

County and cities will incur indeterminate costs to implement the initiative during CY 2009 and CY 2010 to modify computer systems, establish policies and practices, train employees and respond to requests for public information. Costs will vary by jurisdiction and depend, in large part, on the jurisdiction's ability to modify accounting systems to identify and track revenues subject to the general fund revenue limit.

Figure 1.1 Estimated **State** Cash Receipts

Fund	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015
General Fund - State	0	(\$676,000,000)	(\$875,000,000)	(\$1,125,000,000)	(\$1,447,000,000)	(\$1,803,000,000)
Lower State Property Tax Account	0	\$676,000,000	\$875,000,000	\$1,125,000,000	\$1,447,000,000	\$1,803,000,000

Figure 1.2 Estimated **Urban County** Cash Receipts

Fund	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015
General Fund - Urban Counties	0	(\$55,000,000)	(\$70,000,000)	(\$87,000,000)	(\$111,000,000)	(\$137,000,000)
Lower County Property Tax Accounts	0	\$55,000,000	\$70,000,000	\$87,000,000	\$111,000,000	\$137,000,000

Figure 1.3 Estimated **Rural County** Cash Receipts

Fund	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015
General Fund - Rural Counties	0	(\$24,000,000)	(\$35,000,000)	(\$46,000,000)	(\$58,000,000)	(\$72,000,000)
Lower County Property Tax Accounts	0	\$24,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$46,000,000	\$58,000,000	\$72,000,000

Figure 1.4 Estimated **Cities in Urban Counties** Cash Receipts

Fund	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015
General Fund - Cities in Urban Counties	0	(\$176,000,000)	(\$257,000,000)	(\$350,000,000)	(\$463,000,000)	(\$588,000,000)
Lower City Property Tax Accounts	0	\$176,000,000	\$257,000,000	\$350,000,000	\$463,000,000	\$588,000,000

Figure 1.5 Estimated **Cities in Rural Counties** Cash Receipts

Fund	CY 2010	CY 2011	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015
General Fund - Cities in Rural Counties	0	(\$30,000,000)	(\$42,000,000)	(\$55,000,000)	(\$72,000,000)	(\$91,000,000)
Lower City Property Tax Accounts	0	\$30,000,000	\$42,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$72,000,000	\$91,000,000

Statement For Initiative Measure 1033

I-1033 CLOSES LOOPHOLES THE LEGISLATURE PUT IN TAXPAYER PROTECTION INITIATIVE 601, VOTER-APPROVED IN 1993

In 1993, during tough economic times, voters approved I-601, putting reasonable limits on government's fiscal policies, establishing a sustainable rate for government to grow. I-601 worked very well for many years until the Legislature started putting loopholes in it, resulting in major deficits – \$3.2 billion in 2003 – \$9 billion in 2009.

I-1033 reestablishes I-601's same reasonable allowance for growth (inflation plus population growth) and includes a safety valve allowing higher increases with voter approval.

I-1033 gets government off the "fiscal roller coaster," allowing it to grow at a sustainable rate that doesn't outpace taxpayers' ability to afford it.

WHAT HAPPENS TO EXCESS TAX REVENUES THAT GOVERNMENT COLLECTS ABOVE I-1033'S LIMIT? AFTER A FIXED ...

... percentage of tax revenue is transferred into the constitutionally-protected rainy day fund, the remainder of excess tax revenues gets refunded back to taxpayers via lower property taxes. Struggling working families and fixed-income senior citizens desperately need relief from our state's crushing property tax burden. Washington shouldn't be a state where only rich people can afford a home. I-1033 provides needed, long-overdue property tax relief.

OPPONENTS WANT HIGHER TAXES AND A STATE INCOME TAX – OPPONENTS ARE AGAINST ANY LIMITS ON ...

... government's power to take as much as they want from taxpayers. Property taxes keep going higher and higher and government keeps getting bigger and bigger. The people are losing control. I-1033 allows government to grow but at a rate citizens can control and taxpayers can afford. I-1033 is needed now more than ever.

WASHINGTON'S THE 8TH HIGHEST TAXED STATE IN THE NATION – I-1033 KEEPS US FROM HITTING #1

I-1033 reminds politicians that taxpayers don't have bottomless wallets. I-1033 puts a reasonable limit on the growth of government and provides plenty of flexibility (rainy day funds, federal funds, voter-approved revenues). Vote Yes.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

Washington has 16 years of positive experience with I-601 (Colorado's totally different).

Reestablishing I-601's very successful policies helps government, taxpayers, and the economy.

I-1033 provides fiscal discipline and flexibility: any revenue from any source deposited into general funds is limited except voter-approved/rainy day/federal funds for the state and except voter-approved funds for counties/cities.

I-1033 gives control to citizens—if government wants bigger increases, they can ask taxpayers' permission.

Vote Yes.

Argument Prepared by

Erma Turner, beauty shop owner, gathered 3699 signatures, Cle Elum, **Steven Bencze**, retired warehouseman, fisherman/hunter, gathered 2568 signatures, Othello, **Mike Dunmire**, husband, community leader, retired businessman, initiative volunteer, Woodinville, **Jack Fagan**, retired policeman, retired navy, grandfather, campaign organizer, Spokane, **Mike Fagan**, small businessman, community leader, father, campaign organizer, Spokane, **Tim Eyman**, \$30 Car Tab Guy, Taxpayer Advocate, Yakima/Mukilteo.

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Statement Against Initiative Measure 1033

EYMAN'S LATEST INITIATIVE IS ALREADY A PROVEN FAILURE

Tim Eyman's latest initiative uses the same failed formula as the "TABOR" law passed in Colorado, which led to deep cuts to public schools, roads and highways, and children's health care. It did so much damage to the state's economy that in 2005, Coloradans voted to suspend the law.

I-1033 WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO DIG OUT OF THE RECESSION

The national recession has cost our state thousands of jobs and forced billions in cutbacks to important local services, like education and health care. I-1033 will force deeper cuts and lock them in for years – meaning more job losses, more hard times for Washington families, and a longer delay waiting for our economy to recover.

MORE BAD NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

I-1033 will make things harder than ever for local communities already struggling to maintain basic services such as road repair, libraries and public safety. Small businesses rely on those services, and oppose I-1033 because they will continue to suffer during a prolonged recession.

MORE DAMAGE TO OUR SCHOOLS, AND A DEEPENING HEALTH CARE CRISIS

This year we've slashed school funding by \$1.5 billion, and as many as 3,000 teachers and education employees are facing layoffs. The Eyman TABOR plan will take even more resources away from Washington's classrooms – and Washington's kids.

Despite a growing senior population, funding for nursing homes, in-home care and adult day health services are being cut – and 40,000 Washington residents of all ages may lose their Basic Health Plan coverage. Eyman's TABOR plan will make our health care crisis more severe.

Times are tough enough already – let's not make them worse. Vote NO on I-1033.

Rebuttal of Statement For

Initiative 1033 will hurt, not help, Washington's senior citizens. That's why AARP Washington and the Washington State Senior Citizens Lobby oppose I-1033. And Initiative 1033 will hurt, not help, working families. That's why the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Washington State Labor Council, Washington Association of Churches, and many others oppose I-1033. As we try to recover from the worst recession in decades, Washington just can't afford another Tim Eyman initiative. Vote NO on 1033.

Argument Prepared by

Doug Shadel, AARP Washington, State Director; **Kelly Fox**, Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, President; **Laura Feshbach**, Co-owner Harmatta Construction Inc, Seattle; **Teri Nicholson**, Registered Nurse, Valley Hospital and Medical Center, Spokane; **Mary Lindquist**, Washington Education Association, high school Social Studies teacher; **Kelley Collen**, Assistant Economics Professor, Eastern Washington University, Cheney.

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Complete Text

Initiative Measure 1033

AN ACT Relating to protecting taxpayers by limiting the tax burden on Washington's citizens; adding a new section to chapter 43.135 RCW; amending RCW 84.52.065; adding new sections to chapter 36.33 RCW; adding new sections to Title 35 RCW; adding new sections to Title 35A RCW; amending RCW 84.52.043; amending RCW 84.55.010; and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

POLICIES AND PURPOSES

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. This measure is intended to protect taxpayers by reducing our state's obscene and unsustainable property tax burden by controlling the growth of government to an affordable level. It is long overdue. This measure would limit the growth rate of state, county, and city general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, to inflation and population growth. Excess revenue collected above these limits would be used to reduce property taxes. This measure permits the growth of Washington's tax burden to increase at an affordable, sustainable rate, allows citizens to vote for higher taxes where they see a need, and uses excess revenues above this limit to reduce property taxes.

Intent of sections 2(7), 4(7), 6(7) and 8(7): Voter-approved increases in revenue are exempt from this measure's revenue limit. This includes binding votes of the people and does not include a revenue increase approved by an advisory vote. The language of this act is clearly intended to ensure that voter approval of a property tax levy lid lift only exempts the additional increase in property tax revenue and not the base levy.

Intent of sections 2(8), 4(8), 6(8) and 8(8): In order to ensure affordability, sustainability, and predictability of the people's tax burden, the rate of growth of general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, shall not exceed inflation and population growth. The general fund revenue limit for 2010 will be the revenue collected and received in 2009, adjusted for inflation for 2009 and population growth using determinations by the office of financial management in 2009 and 2010 (new voter-approved revenues are exempt). The general fund revenue limit in 2011 will be the general fund revenues received in 2010 that do not exceed the limit for 2010, adjusted for inflation and population growth using determinations by the office of financial management in 2010 and 2011 (new voter-approved revenues are exempt). The people want the revenue limit for any year to be the previous year's general fund revenue plus an adjustment for that year's inflation and population growth. This will ensure that the rate of growth of our tax burden does not exceed the taxpayers' ability to afford it.

Intent concerning inflation and population growth: This measure limits state, county, and city general fund revenue increases, not including new voter-approved increases, to inflation and population growth. The office of financial management reports the bureau of economic analysis' calculation for annual inflation on March 27 following each calendar year; this measure uses that calculation to define inflation. The office of financial management annually develops and tracks populations for the state, counties, and cities and generally reports its determinations each year on June 30. It is an extensive, detailed and long-standing demographic program. This measure defines population growth as the percentage change in population based on those determinations made in the current year and the previous year; this measure uses those calculations to define population growth.

Intent of section 11: Property tax increases are currently

limited to one percent per year. This measure makes no change to the calculation of that limit. Instead, it requires a reduction in property taxes when general fund revenues exceed the revenue limit.

Intent related to reserve accounts: This measure exempts fund transfers in and out of the constitutionally required rainy day fund for the state. In regard to cities and counties, this measure makes no change to the ability of any city or county to use existing and future reserve funds to supplement their general fund revenue when revenue is below their revenue limit.

During these tough economic times, struggling working families and fixed-income senior citizens desperately need and deserve meaningful property tax relief. Property taxes have skyrocketed for decades and politicians have done nothing to address this very real problem. This measure also provides a much-needed economic stimulus to our state's struggling economy by keeping our tax burden at an affordable, sustainable level and by reducing our state's crushing property tax burden. So, this measure ensures meaningful tax relief, a big boost to our state's economy, and long-overdue reform of government. It is a smart, balanced, reasonable solution to our state's property tax problem.

LIMITING THE TAX BURDEN OF WASHINGTON'S CITIZENS BY LIMITING THE GROWTH OF STATE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE, NOT INCLUDING NEW VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE, TO INFLATION AND POPULATION GROWTH.

EXCESS REVENUE ABOVE THIS LIMIT WOULD BE USED TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED BY STATE GOVERNMENT

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.135 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The growth rate of state government general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, must be limited to inflation and population growth. As provided in subsection (8) of this section, any revenues received above this limit must be deposited into a new account hereby created called the "Lower State Property Taxes Account." All revenues received during a year which are deposited in this account must be used to reduce the subsequent year's state property tax levy as provided in section 3 of this act.

(2) For purposes of this section, "general fund revenue" means the aggregate of revenue from taxes, fees, and other governmental charges received by state government that are deposited in any fund subject to the state expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025. "General fund revenue" does not include the funds required to be transferred into the fund created under Article 7, Section 12 of the state constitution and does not include funds transferred from that fund. "General fund revenue" does not include revenue received from the federal government.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the implicit price deflator for the United States as published on or about March 27

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How do I read measure text?

Any language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing state law and will be taken out of the law if the measure is approved by voters. Any underlined language or new sections do not appear in current state law but will be added to the law if the measure is approved by voters.

following each calendar year by the bureau of economic analysis and reported by the office of financial management.

(4) For purposes of this section, "population growth" means the percentage change in the statewide population based on the annual statewide population determinations reported by the office of financial management during the prior calendar year and the current calendar year.

(5) If the cost of any state program or function is shifted from the state general fund or any fund subject to the state expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025, on or after January 1, 2009, to another source of funding, or if revenue is transferred from the state general fund or any fund subject to the state expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025 to another fund or account, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of funds subject to the state expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025, plus the shifted and/or transferred revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(6) If the cost of any state program or function and the revenue to fund the program or function are shifted to the state general fund or any fund subject to the state expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025, on or after January 1, 2009, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of funds subject to the state expenditure limit under RCW 43.135.025, including the shifted revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "new voter-approved revenue" is defined as the increase in revenue approved by the state's voters at an election after the effective date of this act.

(8) The limit established in subsection (1) of this section must be implemented as follows:

(a) For the first calendar year beginning after the effective date of this act, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in 2009 adjusted by any amount necessary to reflect inflation for the 2009 calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower State Property Taxes Account."

(b) For subsequent years, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in the immediately prior calendar year, less any deposits into the "Lower State Property Taxes Account," adjusted by any amount necessary to reflect inflation for the immediately prior calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower State Property Taxes Account."

Sec. 3. RCW 84.52.065 and 1991 sp.s. c 31 s 16 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the limitations in RCW 84.55.010, in each year the state shall levy for collection in the following year for the support of common schools of the state a tax of three dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the state adjusted to the state equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the state department of revenue.

(2) The state property tax levy must be reduced from the amount that could otherwise be levied under subsection (1) of this section by an amount equal to the gross deposits to the "Lower State Property Taxes Account" established in section 2 of this act from the previous year.

(3) The balance of the "Lower State Property Taxes Account" must be transferred each year to the general fund to account for the reduction of the levy as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) As used in this section, "the support of common schools" includes the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued for capital construction projects for the common schools.

LIMITING THE TAX BURDEN OF WASHINGTON'S CITIZENS

BY LIMITING THE GROWTH OF EACH COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE, NOT INCLUDING NEW VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE, TO INFLATION AND POPULATION GROWTH.

EXCESS REVENUE ABOVE THIS LIMIT WOULD BE USED TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED BY EACH COUNTY

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 36.33 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The growth rate of each county government's general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, must be limited to inflation and population growth. As provided in subsection (8) of this section, each county must deposit revenues received above this limit in a new account created by the county called the "Lower County Property Taxes Account." All revenues received during a year which are deposited in this account must be used to reduce the subsequent year's county property tax levy by the amount of gross deposits in the account.

(2) For purposes of this section, "general fund revenue" means the aggregate of revenue from taxes, fees, and other governmental charges received by the county that are deposited in the county's current expense fund.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the implicit price deflator for the United States as published on or about March 27 following each calendar year by the bureau of economic analysis and reported by the office of financial management.

(4) For purposes of this section, "population growth" means the percentage change in the countywide population based on the annual countywide population determinations reported by the office of financial management during the prior calendar year and the current calendar year.

(5) If the cost of any county program or function is shifted from the county's current expense fund on or after January 1, 2009, to another source of funding, or if revenue is transferred from the county's current expense fund to another fund or account, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of the county's current expense fund plus the shifted and/or transferred revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(6) If the cost of any county program or function and the revenue to fund the program or function are shifted to the county's current expense fund on or after January 1, 2009, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of the county general fund including the shifted revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "new voter-approved revenue" is defined as the increase in revenue approved by the county's voters at an election after the effective date of this act.

(8) The limit established in subsection (1) of this section must be implemented as follows:

(a) For the first calendar year beginning after the effective date of this act, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in 2009 adjusted by any amount necessary to reflect inflation for the 2009 calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower County Property Taxes Account."

(b) For subsequent years, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in the immediately prior calendar year, less any deposits into the "Lower County Property Taxes Account," adjusted by an amount necessary to reflect inflation for the immediately prior calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower County Property Taxes Account."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 36.33 RCW to read as follows:

Any county's property tax levy shall be reduced from the

amount that could otherwise be levied under RCW 84.52.043 of this section by an amount equal to the previous year's gross deposits to that county's "Lower County Property Taxes Account" established in section 4 of this act.

LIMITING THE TAX BURDEN OF WASHINGTON'S CITIZENS BY LIMITING THE GROWTH OF EACH CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE, NOT INCLUDING NEW VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE, TO INFLATION AND POPULATION GROWTH.

EXCESS REVENUE ABOVE THIS LIMIT WOULD BE USED TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED BY EACH CITY

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to Title 35 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The growth rate of each city government's general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, must be limited to inflation and population growth. As provided in subsection (8) of this section, each city must deposit revenues received above this limit in a new account created by the city called the "Lower City Property Taxes Account." All revenues received during a year which are deposited in this account must be used to reduce the subsequent year's city property tax levy by the amount of gross deposits in the account.

(2) For purposes of this section, "general fund revenue" means the aggregate of revenue from taxes, fees, and other governmental charges received by the city that are deposited in the city's current expense fund.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the implicit price deflator for the United States as published on or about March 27 following each calendar year by the bureau of economic analysis and reported by the office of financial management.

(4) For purposes of this section, "population growth" means the percentage change in the city wide population based on the annual city wide population determinations reported by the office of financial management during the prior calendar year and the current calendar year.

(5) If the cost of any city program or function is shifted from the city's current expense fund on or after January 1, 2009, to another source of funding, or if revenue is transferred from the city's current expense fund to another fund or account, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of the city's current expense fund plus the shifted and/or transferred revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(6) If the cost of any city program or function and the revenue to fund the program or function are shifted to the city's current expense fund on or after January 1, 2009, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of the city's current expense fund including the shifted revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "new voter-approved revenue" is defined as the increase in revenue approved by the city's voters at an election after the effective date of this act.

(8) The limit established in subsection (1) of this section must be implemented as follows:

(a) For the first calendar year beginning after the effective date of this act, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in 2009 adjusted by an amount necessary to reflect inflation for the 2009 calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower City Property Taxes Account."

(b) For subsequent years, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in the immediately prior calendar year, less any deposits into the "Lower City Property Taxes Account," adjusted by an amount necessary to reflect inflation for the immediately prior calendar year and population growth,

must be deposited in the "Lower City Property Taxes Account."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to Title 35 RCW to read as follows:

Any city's property tax levy must be reduced from the amount that could otherwise be levied under RCW 84.52.043 of this section by an amount equal to the gross deposits to that city's "Lower City Property Taxes Account" established in section 6 of this act from the previous year.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. A new section is added to Title 35A RCW to read as follows:

(1) The growth rate of each city government's general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, must be limited to inflation and population growth. As provided in subsection (8) of this section, each city must deposit revenues received above this limit in a new account created by the city called the "Lower City Property Taxes Account." All revenues received during a year which are deposited in this account must be used to reduce the subsequent year's city property tax levy by the amount of gross deposits in the account.

(2) For purposes of this section, "general fund revenue" means the aggregate of revenue from taxes, fees, and other governmental charges received by the city that are deposited in the city's current expense fund.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "inflation" means the annual percentage change in the implicit price deflator for the United States as published on or about March 27 following each calendar year by the bureau of economic analysis and reported by the office of financial management.

(4) For purposes of this section, "population growth" means the percentage change in the city wide population based on the annual city wide population determinations reported by the office of financial management during the prior calendar year and the current calendar year.

(5) If the cost of any city program or function is shifted from the city's current expense fund on or after January 1, 2009, to another source of funding, or if revenue is transferred from the city's current expense fund to another fund or account, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of the city's current expense fund plus the shifted and/or transferred revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(6) If the cost of any city program or function and the revenue to fund the program or function are shifted to the city's current expense fund on or after January 1, 2009, the limit required by this section shall apply to the aggregate of the city's current expense fund including the shifted revenue for that year and all subsequent years.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "new voter-approved revenue" is defined as the increase in revenue approved by the city's voters at an election after the effective date of this act.

(8) The limit established in subsection (1) of this section must be implemented as follows:

(a) For the first calendar year beginning after the effective date of this act, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in 2009 adjusted by an amount necessary to reflect inflation for the 2009 calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower City Property Taxes Account."

(b) For subsequent years, the general fund revenue, not including new voter-approved revenue, received above the amount received in the immediately prior calendar year, less any deposits into the "Lower City Property Taxes Account," adjusted by an amount necessary to reflect inflation for the immediately prior calendar year and population growth, must be deposited in the "Lower City Property Taxes Account."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to Title 35A RCW to read as follows:

Any city's property tax levy must be reduced from the amount that could otherwise be levied under RCW 84.52.043 of this section by an amount equal to the gross deposits to that city's "Lower City Property Taxes Account" established in section 8 of this act from the previous year.

Sec. 10. RCW 84.52.043 and 2005 c 122 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal property by the taxing districts hereafter named shall be as follows:

(1) Levies of the senior taxing districts shall be as follows:

(a) The levy by the state shall not exceed three dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value adjusted to the state equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of the common schools; (b) the levy by any county shall not exceed one dollar and eighty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value; (c) the levy by any road district shall not exceed two dollars and twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value; and (d) the levy by any city or town shall not exceed three dollars and thirty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. However any county is hereby authorized to increase its levy from one dollar and eighty cents to a rate not to exceed two dollars and forty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for general county purposes if the total levies for both the county and any road district within the county do not exceed four dollars and five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, and no other taxing district has its levy reduced as a result of the increased county levy.

(2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior taxing districts, other than the state, shall not exceed five dollars and ninety cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The term "junior taxing districts" includes all taxing districts other than the state, counties, road districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public utility districts. The limitations provided in this subsection shall not apply to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax levies authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution; (c) levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance affordable housing for very low-income housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f) the portions of levies by metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts under RCW 36.54.130; (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under RCW 84.52.135; and (i) the portions of levies by fire protection districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.125.

(3) The limitations in subsections (1) and (2) for the levies by the state, counties and cities must be further adjusted as provided in sections 2, 4, 6 and 8 of this act.

Sec. 11. RCW 84.55.010 and 2006 c 184 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in this chapter, the levy for a taxing district in any year shall be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year shall not exceed the limit factor multiplied by the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district plus revenues deposited as provided in sections 2(7), 4(7), 6(7) and 8(7) of this act in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from new construction,

increases in assessed value due to construction of electric generation wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, and any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year. The adjustments provided in sections 2, 4, 6, and 8 of this act provide a limitation on property tax levies which is in addition to the limit factor in this section.

CONSTRUCTION CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Subheadings used in this act are not part of the law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. This act shall be known and cited as the Lower Property Taxes Act of 2009.



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Referendum Measure

71

Passed by the legislature and ordered referred by petition:

The legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5688 concerning rights and responsibilities of state-registered domestic partners.

This bill would expand the rights, responsibilities, and obligations accorded state-registered same-sex and senior domestic partners to be equivalent to those of married spouses, except that a domestic partnership is not a marriage.

Should this bill be:

Approved

Rejected

Votes cast by the 2009 Legislature on final passage:
Senate: Yeas, 30; Nays, 18; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.
House: Yeas, 62; Nays, 35; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

The Official Ballot Title and the Explanatory Statement were written by the Attorney General as required by law. The Fiscal Impact Statement was written by the Office of Financial Management as required by law. The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of arguments or statements



You are voting to Approve or Reject the bill passed by the Legislature

Approve - you *favor* the bill passed by the Legislature.

Reject - you *don't favor* the bill passed by the Legislature.

(WAC 434-381-180). The complete text of Referendum Measure 71 begins on page 19.

Explanatory Statement

The Law as it Presently Exists:

The Office of the Secretary of State maintains a domestic partnership registry. Two individuals may enter into a state-registered domestic partnership if the individuals meet certain criteria, including: sharing a common residence, being at least 18 years of age, and being members of the same sex. The domestic partnership is also available to two individuals of the opposite sex if one of the individuals is at least 62 years of age.

Under existing law, a registered domestic partnership is not a marriage because Washington law defines marriage as a civil contract between a male and a female who have each attained the age of 18 years, and who are otherwise capable of entering into marriage.

Existing law provides state-registered domestic partners and partnerships with some of the powers and rights and responsibilities available to married spouses. Such existing powers and rights include health care facility visitation rights, the ability to grant informed consent for health care for a patient who is not competent, title and rights to cemetery plots, and automatic termination of power of attorney upon termination of the state-registered domestic partnership. Domestic partners of public employees are eligible to participate in Public Employees Benefits Board insurance coverage. A certificate of domestic partnership issued by the Office of the Secretary of State fulfills eligibility requirements for the domestic partner of the public employee to receive benefits.

Existing law also addresses certain rights and responsibilities of state-registered domestic partners related to community property, estate planning, taxes, court process, service to indigent veterans and other public assistance, conflicts of interest for public officials, and guardianships.

Under existing law, there are two processes by which domestic partners may terminate the registration and relationship. A domestic partner may file a petition for dissolution in superior court and follow the same procedures applicable to dissolution of marriage. However, registered domestic partners may also use a non-judicial termination process by filing a notice

of termination with the Office of the Secretary of State if, at the time of filing notice, neither registered partner has minor children and neither partner is pregnant; the domestic partnership is not more than five years in duration; the total fair market value of community assets is less than \$25,000; and neither partner has separate property assets in excess of \$25,000.

The Effect of the Proposed Measure, if Approved:

If approved, the measure would amend references in numerous state statutes so that rights, responsibilities, and obligations granted by or imposed by state law on married couples and their families would apply equally to state-registered domestic partners. The terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family, when used in state statutes, would be interpreted as applying equally to state-registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons. Similarly, references to dissolution of marriage would apply equally to state-registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated. Gender specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law would be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state-registered domestic partnerships.

If approved, the measure would not change the statute defining marriage under Washington law. A domestic partnership would not be within the definition of marriage, which would continue to be limited to one man and one woman.

The measure would provide state-registered domestic partners a number of additional powers, rights, and responsibilities such as: the ability to use available sick leave to care for a domestic partner, or to receive wages and benefits where available when a domestic partner is injured; the right to receive unpaid wages upon the death of a domestic partner; the ability to receive unemployment benefits, disability insurance benefits, or workers compensation coverage where such benefits and coverage is provided to married spouses; rights under insurance policies that accrue as a matter of law after the death of a spouse, such as conversion rights and continuing coverage rights; rights and responsibilities related to adoption, child custody, and child support; and rights related to business succession applicable to married spouses.

State agencies would be required to amend

agency rules to ensure that privileges, immunities, rights, benefits, or responsibilities granted or imposed by statute to an individual because that individual is or was a spouse in a marital relationship are granted or imposed on equivalent terms to an individual because that individual is or was in a state-registered domestic partnership.

If approved, the current non-judicial termination process available to domestic partners would be repealed and termination of state-registered domestic partnerships would require a judicial action.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal Impact Through Fiscal Year 2015

Referendum 71 would enact legislation, E2SSB 5688, that expands the rights, responsibilities and benefits of registered domestic partners. Referendum 71 would increase state costs by paying for additional worker compensation and crime victim claims benefits; additional state employee pension survivor benefits; and other administrative expenses. Costs are estimated at \$900,000 for fiscal years 2009–11, \$1.5 million for fiscal years 2011–13 and \$1.6 million for fiscal years 2013–15. State revenue from estate taxes estimated at \$260,000 would be reduced in fiscal years 2013–15, while \$7,000 in annual fee revenue would be gained.

General Assumptions

Estimates are based on information provided by state agencies during the 2009 legislative session for Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5688.

Estimates are based on early 2009 data of the number of registered domestic partnerships. There are approximately 5,000 registered domestic partnerships with the Secretary of State. Of that number, 1,500 of those individuals were older than 62, and therefore, could be registered in same-sex or opposite-sex domestic partnerships.

Estimates include costs that were funded in the state budget as well as costs that state agencies were expected to absorb.

Estimates exclude approximately \$15,000 in costs incurred to implement E2SSB 5688 before August 1, 2009.

State Cost Estimate - Assumptions

For fiscal years 2009–15, the following estimated costs would be incurred:

\$1.1 million - Additional worker compensation and crime victim claim benefits.

\$2.6 million - Additional state employee pension survivor benefits.

\$300,000 - Changes to public rules, information systems, publications and other administrative costs.

Referendum 71 would extend eligibility for public employee health benefits to all registered domestic partnerships. However, the Public Employees Benefits Board has exercised its statutory discretion to extend public employee health benefits to all registered domestic partnerships independent of E2SSB 5688. Therefore, costs estimated by the Health Care Authority for the implementation of E2SSB 5688 are excluded from this estimate.

State Revenue Estimate – Assumptions

E2SSB 5688 would allow a registered domestic partner to take a marital deduction, which reduces the taxable estate subject to state estate taxes. Referendum 71 would retain domestic partner eligibility for the deduction, resulting in an estimated \$260,000 reduction in revenue in fiscal years 2013–15.

E2SSB 5688 authorizes the Secretary of State to record changes to registered domestic partnerships in the event of a change in address, name change, dissolution or death. There is a \$10 fee for change filings. Referendum 71 would retain this authority, resulting in an estimated \$7,000 gain in fee revenue each year.

County and City Cost Estimate - Assumptions

While the fiscal impact cannot be determined, counties and cities would incur expenses related to revision of property tax laws, additional court cases and related matters.



Address Confidentiality Program

If you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and/or stalking who has chosen not to register to vote because you are afraid your perpetrator will track you down through voter registration records, the Office of the Secretary of State has a program that might be able to help you.

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) works together with community domestic violence and sexual assault programs in an effort to keep crime victims safer. The ACP provides participants with a substitute address that can be used when conducting business with state or local government agencies. ACP participants are eligible to register as Protected Records Voters, meaning the registration information is not public record. All ACP participants must be referred to the program by a local domestic violence or sexual assault advocate who can help develop a comprehensive safety plan.

Need more information? Call the ACP toll-free at (800) 822-1065 or visit

www.secstate.wa.gov/acp .

Statement For Referendum Measure 71

THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP LAW PROTECTS ALL WASHINGTON FAMILIES

This law ensures that all Washington families have the same protections, rights, and responsibilities as their neighbors. The law guarantees that all families will be treated fairly, especially in times of crisis. Many gay and lesbian couples, often with children, and many senior couples are domestic partners. Often these seniors can't marry without sacrificing needed health and pension benefits. Domestic partnership laws allow them to protect their loved ones.

"This law provides essential protections to many older couples and to families with children who would otherwise be living without a safety net."

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP LAW?

Death benefits for partners of police and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Right to use sick leave to care for a seriously ill partner.

Pension benefits for partners of teachers and other public employees.

Victims' rights.

Right to workers' compensation benefits if a partner is killed in the course of employment.

WHO SUPPORTS THE LAW?

More than 150 organizations, including congregations and faith based organizations and their leaders, all across our state – like the Washington State Nurses Association, Washington Association of Churches, AAUW, Childhaven, Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby, Associated Ministries of Pierce County, Asian and Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center, Jewish Family Service, Anti-Defamation League, Washington Education Association, Planned Parenthood, Japanese American Citizens League, Lutheran Public Policy Network, SEIU, Latino Political Action Committee, American Federation of Teachers, King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Safe Schools Coalition, Mainstream Republicans, Equal Rights Washington, PFLAG, Young Democrats of Washington, Washington State Bar Association.

They, and we, ask you to vote *Approved* on R-71 - for All Washington families.

Rebuttal of Statement Against

All families should be treated fairly and equally under the law. Committed couples who want to take care of each other should have the protections they need to keep their families safe. They should be allowed to visit each other in the hospital, take family medical leave, have insurance or receive inheritance. Children should be protected when a parent dies. This law does not affect schools or change the definition of marriage in any way.

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Statement Against Referendum Measure 71

REJECT SENATE BILL 5688 TO PRESERVE MARRIAGE!

SB 5688 is primarily about homosexual *marriage*—not benefits.

Senator Ed Murray told the SeattleTimes (Jan. 10, 2007), when announcing the Domestic Partnership Bill, "The goal is *marriage* equality. It's an important statement that our eyes are on the prize, and the prize is *marriage*." Representative Jamie Pedersen told the Times (Jan. 28, 2009) that SB 5688 will give homosexuals "a bridge until they can legally marry."

Senator Murray told the Times (May 17, 2009) that the domestic partnership expansion (SB 5688) is an "incremental approach...a strategic plan."

SB 5688 is the last incremental step to same-sex *marriage* in Washington State.

REJECT SENATE BILL 5688 TO PROTECT FAMILIES!

Marriage between one man and one woman is the foundation for civilized societies and has been for centuries. *Marriage* does not exist just for the emotional satisfaction of two individuals, but for the greater good of the social order. *Marriage* is about providing the most stable and healthy environment in which to raise children.

REJECT SENATE BILL 5688 TO PROTECT CHILDREN!

SB 5688 redefines terms such as "husband" and "wife" to be construed as "gender neutral." The new law will confuse children and likely result in public schools influencing children to accept a new definition of the "family unit" so that same-sex partners will be a recognized norm.

REJECT SENATE BILL 5688 TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS!

If Senate Bill 5688 is implemented, it will mean another massive expansion of government and Washingtonian taxpayers will be stuck with a multi-million dollar bill. Now is not the time to provide more entitlements to a very small minority of the population.

Rebuttal of Statement For

Statutory benefits are not rights. Those who choose to engage in homosexual relationships already enjoy the exact same constitutional rights and protections all Americans have. Washington has decided to recognize and promote marriage between one man and one woman above other types of relationships. SB 5688 would make our state's Defense of Marriage Act meaningless. Washington State cannot afford to make same-sex partnerships equal to marriage. It's that simple. *Reject SB 5688 to preserve marriage!*

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Complete Text

Referendum Measure 71

AN ACT Relating to further expanding the rights and responsibilities of state registered domestic partners; amending RCW 2.10.030, 6.27.140, 10.77.205, 11.88.030, 26.60.040, 26.60.090, 41.16.010, 41.18.010, 49.78.020, 65.12.035, 71.05.425, 72.09.015, 72.09.712, 72.36.115, 77.36.010, 83.100.046, 83.100.047, and 84.04.050; adding a new section to chapter 26.60 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 1.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 1.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 4.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 5.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 6.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 6.27 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 7.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.68A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9A.76 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.77 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.99 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.101 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.42 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.66 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.88 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.94 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.95 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.98 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.104A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 11.108 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.64 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.35 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.96 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.118 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.120 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.72 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.98 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.120 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.205 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.225 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 21.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 21.35 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 23B.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 23B.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.27 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.33 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 30.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 31.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.54 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.88 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.42 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.24 RCW; adding a new section to

chapter 41.26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.35 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.37 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.54 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.20B RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.180 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.215 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.235 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.25 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.29 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.66 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.76 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.48 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.74 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.77 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.78 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 49.86 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 50.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 51.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 62A.1 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 65.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 66.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 68.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.02 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.47 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.47A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.58 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.122 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.128 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.190 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 71A.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.64 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.66 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 73.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09A

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Any language in double parentheses with a line through it is existing state law and will be taken out of the law if the measure is approved by voters. Any underlined language or new sections do not appear in current state law but will be added to the law if the measure is approved by voters.

RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.20A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 80.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 81.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 81.80 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 83.100 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 83.110A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 85.38 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 87.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 89.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 91.08 RCW; repealing RCW 26.60.050 and 26.60.055; and providing effective dates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1 A new section is added to chapter 26.60 RCW to read as follows:

It is the intent of the legislature that for all purposes under state law, state registered domestic partners shall be treated the same as married spouses. Any privilege, immunity, right, benefit, or responsibility granted or imposed by statute, administrative or court rule, policy, common law or any other law to an individual because the individual is or was a spouse, or because the individual is or was an in-law in a specified way to another individual, is granted on equivalent terms, substantive and procedural, to an individual because the individual is or was in a state registered domestic partnership or because the individual is or was, based on a state registered domestic partnership, related in a specified way to another individual. The provisions of this act shall be liberally construed to achieve equal treatment, to the extent not in conflict with federal law, of state registered domestic partners and married spouses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2 A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this specific purpose, except where inconsistent with federal law or regulations applicable to federal benefit programs, agencies shall amend their rules to reflect the intent of the legislature to ensure that all privileges, immunities, rights, benefits, or responsibilities granted or imposed by statute to an individual because that individual is or was a spouse in a marital relationship are granted or imposed on equivalent terms to an individual because that individual is or was in a state registered domestic partnership.

(2) Except where inconsistent with federal law or regulations applicable to federal benefit programs, all agency orders creating new rules, or amending existing rules, shall be formulated to reflect the intent stated in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) No agency rule is invalid because it does not comply with this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3 A new section is added to chapter 1.12 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this code, with the exception of chapter 26.04 RCW, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral,

and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4 A new section is added to chapter 1.16 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this code, with the exception of chapter 26.04 RCW, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5 A new section is added to chapter 2.10 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 6 RCW 2.10.030 and 1997 c 88 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) "Retirement system" means the "Washington judicial retirement system" provided herein.

(2) "Judge" means a person elected or appointed to serve as judge of a court of record as provided in chapters 2.04, 2.06, and 2.08 RCW. "Judge" does not include a person serving as a judge pro tempore except for a judge pro tempore appointed under RCW 2.04.240(2) or 2.06.150(2).

(3) "Retirement board" means the "Washington judicial retirement board" established herein.

(4) "Surviving spouse" means the surviving widow or widower or surviving state registered domestic partner of a judge. "Surviving spouse" does not include the divorced spouse of a judge or an individual whose state registered domestic partnership with the judge has been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated.

(5) "Retirement fund" means the "Washington judicial retirement fund" established herein.

(6) "Beneficiary" means any person in receipt of a retirement allowance, disability allowance or any other benefit described herein.

(7) "Monthly salary" means the monthly salary of the position held by the judge.

(8) "Service" means all periods of time served as a judge, as herein defined. Any calendar month at the beginning or end of a term in which ten or more days are served shall be counted as a full month of service: PROVIDED, That no more than one month's service may be granted for any one calendar month. Only months of service will be counted in the computation of any retirement allowance or other benefit provided for in this chapter. Years of service shall be determined by dividing the total months of service by twelve. Any fraction of a year of service as so determined shall be

taken into account in the computation of such retirement allowance or benefit.

(9) "Final average salary" means (a) for a judge in service in the same court for a minimum of twelve consecutive months preceding the date of retirement, the salary attached to the position held by the judge immediately prior to retirement; (b) for any other judge, the average monthly salary paid over the highest twenty-four month period in the last ten years of service.

(10) "Retirement allowance" for the purpose of applying cost of living increases or decreases includes retirement allowances, disability allowances and survivorship benefit.

(11) "Index" means for any calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items (1957-1959 equal one hundred) -- compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

(12) "Accumulated contributions" means the total amount deducted from the judge's monthly salary pursuant to RCW 2.10.090, together with the regular interest thereon from July 1, 1988, as determined by the director of the department of retirement systems.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7 A new section is added to chapter 2.12 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8 A new section is added to chapter 2.14 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9 A new section is added to chapter 2.56 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10 A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11 A new section is added to chapter 4.28 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12 A new section is added to chapter 5.44 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13 A new section is added to chapter 6.15 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14 A new section is added to chapter 6.27 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in

state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 15 RCW 6.27.140 and 2003 c 222 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The notice required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form, printed or typed in type no smaller than elite type:

NOTICE OF GARNISHMENT AND OF YOUR RIGHTS

A Writ of Garnishment issued in a Washington court has been or will be served on the garnishee named in the attached copy of the writ. After receipt of the writ, the garnishee is required to withhold payment of any money that was due to you and to withhold any other property of yours that the garnishee held or controlled. This notice of your rights is required by law.

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTION RIGHTS:

WAGES. If the garnishee is your employer who owes wages or other personal earnings to you, your employer is required to pay amounts to you that are exempt under state and federal laws, as explained in the writ of garnishment. You should receive a copy of your employer's answer, which will show how the exempt amount was calculated. If the garnishment is for child support, the exempt amount paid to you will be forty percent of wages due you, but if you are supporting a spouse, state registered domestic partner, or dependent child, you are entitled to claim an additional ten percent as exempt.

BANK ACCOUNTS. If the garnishee is a bank or other institution with which you have an account in which you have deposited benefits such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, veterans' benefits, unemployment compensation, or a United States pension, you may claim the account as fully exempt if you have deposited only such benefit funds in the account. It may be partially exempt even though you have deposited money from other sources in the same account. An exemption is also available under RCW 26.16.200, providing that funds in a community bank account that can be identified as the earnings of a stepparent are exempt from a garnishment on the child support obligation of the parent.

OTHER EXEMPTIONS. If the garnishee holds other property of yours, some or all of it may be exempt under RCW 6.15.010, a Washington statute that exempts up to five hundred dollars of property of your choice (including up to one hundred dollars in cash or in a bank account) and certain property such as household furnishings, tools of trade, and a motor vehicle (all limited by differing dollar values).

HOW TO CLAIM EXEMPTIONS. Fill out the enclosed claim form and mail or deliver it as described in instructions on the claim form. If the plaintiff does not object to your claim, the funds or other property that you have claimed as exempt must be released not later than 10 days after the plaintiff receives your claim form. If the plaintiff objects, the law requires a hearing not later than 14 days after the plaintiff receives your claim form, and notice of the objection and hearing date will be mailed to you at the address that you put on the claim form.

THE LAW ALSO PROVIDES OTHER EXEMPTION RIGHTS. IF NECESSARY, AN ATTORNEY CAN ASSIST YOU TO ASSERT THESE AND OTHER RIGHTS, BUT YOU MUST ACT

IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID LOSS OF RIGHTS BY DELAY.

(2) The claim form required by RCW 6.27.130(1) to be mailed to or served on an individual judgment debtor shall be in the following form, printed or typed in type no smaller than elite type:

[Caption to be filled in by judgment creditor or plaintiff before mailing.]

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Name of Court
..... No.

Plaintiff,
vs.

..... EXEMPTION CLAIM
Defendant,

.....
Garnishee Defendant

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read this whole form after reading the enclosed notice. Then put an X in the box or boxes that describe your exemption claim or claims and write in the necessary information on the blank lines. If additional space is needed, use the bottom of the last page or attach another sheet.

2. Make two copies of the completed form. Deliver the original form by first-class mail or in person to the clerk of the court, whose address is shown at the bottom of the writ of garnishment. Deliver one of the copies by first-class mail or in person to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are shown at the bottom of the writ. Keep the other copy. **YOU SHOULD DO THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 28 DAYS (4 WEEKS) AFTER THE DATE ON THE WRIT.**

I/We claim the following money or property as exempt:

IF BANK ACCOUNT IS GARNISHED:

- The account contains payments from:
- Temporary assistance for needy families, SSI, or other public assistance. I receive \$ monthly.
- Social Security. I receive \$ monthly.
- Veterans' Benefits. I receive \$ monthly.
- U.S. Government Pension. I receive \$ monthly.
- Unemployment Compensation. I receive \$ monthly.
- Child support. I receive \$ monthly.
- Other. Explain

IF EXEMPTION IN BANK ACCOUNT IS CLAIMED, ANSWER ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- No money other than from above payments are in the account.
- Moneys in addition to the above payments have been deposited in the account. Explain

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IF EARNINGS ARE GARNISHED FOR CHILD SUPPORT:

- I claim maximum exemption.
- I am supporting another child or other children.
- I am supporting a husband (~~or a~~), wife, or state registered domestic partner.

IF PENSION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS ARE GARNISHED:

- Name and address of employer who is paying the benefits:
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OTHER PROPERTY:

- Describe property

(If you claim other personal property as exempt, you must attach a list of all other personal property that you own.) . . .

Print: Your name If married or in a state registered domestic partnership, name of husband/wife/state registered domestic partner

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Your signature Signature of husband ((or)), wife, or state registered domestic partner

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Address Address (if different from yours)

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Telephone number Telephone number (if different from yours)

CAUTION: If the plaintiff objects to your claim, you will have to go to court and give proof of your claim. For example, if you claim that a bank account is exempt, you may have to show the judge your bank statements and papers that show the source of the money you deposited in the bank. Your claim may be granted more quickly if you attach copies of such proof to your claim.

IF THE JUDGE DENIES YOUR EXEMPTION CLAIM, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S COSTS. IF THE JUDGE DECIDES THAT YOU DID NOT MAKE THE CLAIM IN GOOD FAITH, HE OR SHE MAY DECIDE THAT YOU MUST PAY THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY FEES.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16 A new section is added to chapter 7.08 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17 A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18 A new section is added to chapter 9.58 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to

dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19 A new section is added to chapter 9.68 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20 A new section is added to chapter 9.68A RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21 A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22 A new section is added to chapter 9A.16 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed

to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23 A new section is added to chapter 9A.40 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 24 A new section is added to chapter 9A.44 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 25 A new section is added to chapter 9A.76 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26 A new section is added to chapter 10.77 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 27 RCW 10.77.205 and 2000 c 94 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than thirty days before conditional release, release,

authorized furlough pursuant to RCW 10.77.163, or transfer to a less-restrictive facility than a state mental hospital, the superintendent shall send written notice of the conditional release, release, authorized furlough, or transfer of a person who has been found not guilty of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense by reason of insanity and who is now in the custody of the department pursuant to this chapter, to the following:

(i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the person will reside; and

(ii) The sheriff of the county in which the person will reside.

(b) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing about a specific person committed under this chapter:

(i) The victim of the crime for which the person was committed or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

(ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court proceedings; and

(iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney. Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are confidential and shall not be available to the person committed under this chapter.

(c) In addition to the notice requirements of (a) and (b) of this subsection, the superintendent shall comply with RCW 10.77.163.

(d) The thirty-day notice requirement contained in (a) and (b) of this subsection shall not apply to emergency medical furloughs.

(e) The existence of the notice requirements in (a) and (b) of this subsection shall not require any extension of the release date in the event the release plan changes after notification.

(2) If a person who has been found not guilty of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense by reason of insanity and who is committed under this chapter escapes, the superintendent shall immediately notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means available, the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the person resided immediately before the person's arrest. If previously requested, the superintendent shall also notify the witnesses and the victim, if any, of the crime for which the person was committed or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide. The superintendent shall also notify appropriate persons pursuant to RCW 10.77.165. If the person is recaptured, the secretary shall send notice to the persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working days after the department learns of such recapture.

(3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

(4) The department shall send the notices required by this chapter to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current address.

(5) For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

(b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

(c) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered domestic partner, parents, siblings, and children;

(d) "Authorized furlough" means a furlough granted after compliance with RCW 10.77.163;

(e) "Felony harassment offense" means a crime of harassment as defined in RCW 9A.46.060 that is a felony.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28 A new section is added to chapter 10.95 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 29 A new section is added to chapter 10.99 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30 A new section is added to chapter 10.101 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 31 A new section is added to chapter 11.40 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 32 A new section is added to chapter 11.42 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 33 A new section is added to chapter 11.66 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 34 A new section is added to chapter 11.68 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 35 A new section is added to chapter 11.88 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 36 RCW 11.88.030 and 1996 c 249 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person or entity may petition for the appointment of a qualified person, trust company, national bank, or nonprofit corporation authorized in RCW 11.88.020 as the guardian or limited guardian of an incapacitated person. No liability for filing a petition for guardianship or limited guardianship shall attach to a petitioner acting in good faith

and upon reasonable basis. A petition for guardianship or limited guardianship shall state:

- (a) The name, age, residence, and post office address of the alleged incapacitated person;
 - (b) The nature of the alleged incapacity in accordance with RCW 11.88.010;
 - (c) The approximate value and description of property, including any compensation, pension, insurance, or allowance, to which the alleged incapacitated person may be entitled;
 - (d) Whether there is, in any state, a guardian or limited guardian, or pending guardianship action for the person or estate of the alleged incapacitated person;
 - (e) The residence and post office address of the person whom petitioner asks to be appointed guardian or limited guardian;
 - (f) The names and addresses, and nature of the relationship, so far as known or can be reasonably ascertained, of the persons most closely related by blood ((or)), marriage, or state registered domestic partnership to the alleged incapacitated person;
 - (g) The name and address of the person or facility having the care and custody of the alleged incapacitated person;
 - (h) The reason why the appointment of a guardian or limited guardian is sought and the interest of the petitioner in the appointment, and whether the appointment is sought as guardian or limited guardian of the person, the estate, or both;
 - (i) A description of any alternate arrangements previously made by the alleged incapacitated person, such as trusts or powers of attorney, including identifying any guardianship nominations contained in a power of attorney, and why a guardianship is nevertheless necessary;
 - (j) The nature and degree of the alleged incapacity and the specific areas of protection and assistance requested and the limitation of rights requested to be included in the court's order of appointment;
 - (k) The requested term of the limited guardianship to be included in the court's order of appointment;
 - (l) Whether the petitioner is proposing a specific individual to act as guardian ad litem and, if so, the individual's knowledge of or relationship to any of the parties, and why the individual is proposed.
- (2)(a) The attorney general may petition for the appointment of a guardian or limited guardian in any case in which there is cause to believe that a guardianship is necessary and no private party is able and willing to petition.
 - (b) Prepayment of a filing fee shall not be required in any guardianship or limited guardianship brought by the attorney general. Payment of the filing fee shall be ordered from the estate of the incapacitated person at the hearing on the merits of the petition, unless in the judgment of the court, such payment would impose a hardship upon the incapacitated person, in which case the filing shall be waived.
 - (3) No filing fee shall be charged by the court for filing either a petition for guardianship or a petition for limited guardianship if the petition alleges that the alleged incapacitated person has total assets of a value of less than three thousand dollars.
 - (4)(a) Notice that a guardianship proceeding has been commenced shall be personally served upon the alleged incapacitated person and the guardian ad litem along with a copy of the petition for appointment of a guardian. Such notice shall be served not more than five court days after the petition has been filed.
 - (b) Notice under this subsection shall include a clear and easily readable statement of the legal rights of the alleged

incapacitated person that could be restricted or transferred to a guardian by a guardianship order as well as the right to counsel of choice and to a jury trial on the issue of incapacity. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form and shall be in capital letters, double-spaced, and in a type size not smaller than ten-point type:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

A PETITION TO HAVE A GUARDIAN APPOINTED FOR YOU HAS BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT BY IF A GUARDIAN IS APPOINTED, YOU COULD LOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- (1) TO MARRY ((OR)), DIVORCE, OR ENTER INTO OR END A STATE REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP;
- (2) TO VOTE OR HOLD AN ELECTED OFFICE;
- (3) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR MAKE OR REVOKE A WILL;
- (4) TO APPOINT SOMEONE TO ACT ON YOUR BEHALF;
- (5) TO SUE AND BE SUED OTHER THAN THROUGH A GUARDIAN;
- (6) TO POSSESS A LICENSE TO DRIVE;
- (7) TO BUY, SELL, OWN, MORTGAGE, OR LEASE PROPERTY;
- (8) TO CONSENT TO OR REFUSE MEDICAL TREATMENT;
- (9) TO DECIDE WHO SHALL PROVIDE CARE AND ASSISTANCE;
- (10) TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING SOCIAL ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE.

UNDER THE LAW, YOU HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER OF YOUR OWN CHOOSING. THE COURT WILL APPOINT A LAWYER TO REPRESENT YOU IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY OR PAYMENT WOULD RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP TO YOU.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR A JURY TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED A GUARDIAN TO HELP YOU. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT IN COURT AND TESTIFY WHEN THE HEARING IS HELD TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEED A GUARDIAN. IF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IS APPOINTED, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE COURT TO REPLACE THAT PERSON.

(5) All petitions filed under the provisions of this section shall be heard within sixty days unless an extension of time is requested by a party or the guardian ad litem within such sixty day period and granted for good cause shown. If an extension is granted, the court shall set a new hearing date.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 37 A new section is added to chapter 11.94 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 38 A new section is added to chapter 11.95 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally

domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 65 A new section is added to chapter 26.09 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 66 A new section is added to chapter 26.18 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 67 A new section is added to chapter 26.26 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 68 A new section is added to chapter 26.27 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state

registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 69 A new section is added to chapter 26.28 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 70 A new section is added to chapter 26.33 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 71 RCW 26.60.040 and 2007 c 156 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Two persons desiring to become state registered domestic partners who meet the requirements of RCW 26.60.030 may register their domestic partnership by filing a declaration of state registered domestic partnership with the secretary and paying the filing fee established pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. The declaration must be signed by both parties and notarized.

(2) Upon receipt of a signed, notarized declaration and the filing fee, the secretary shall register the declaration and provide a certificate of state registered domestic partnership to each party named on the declaration.

(3) The secretary shall permanently maintain a record of each declaration of state registered domestic partnership filed with the secretary. The secretary has the authority to update the records to reflect changes in the status of a state registered domestic partnership, such as a change of address, name, dissolution, or death. The secretary shall provide the state registrar of vital statistics with records of declarations of state registered domestic partnerships.

(4) The secretary shall set by rule and collect a reasonable fee for filing the declaration, calculated to cover the secretary's costs, but not to exceed fifty dollars. Fees collected under this section are expressly designated for deposit in the secretary of state's revolving fund established under RCW 43.07.130.

Sec. 72 RCW 26.60.090 and 2008 c 6 s 1101 are each amended to read as follows:

A legal union of two persons of the same sex, other than a marriage, that was validly formed in another jurisdiction, and that is substantially equivalent to a domestic partnership under this chapter, shall be recognized as a valid domestic partnership in this state and shall be treated the same as a domestic partnership registered in this state regardless of whether it bears the name domestic partnership.

domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 82 A new section is added to chapter 36.88 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 83 A new section is added to chapter 38.42 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 84 A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 85 A new section is added to chapter 41.04 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state

registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 86 A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 87 A new section is added to chapter 41.16 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 88 RCW 41.16.010 and 2007 c 218 s 18 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this chapter, unless clearly indicated by the context, words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

- (1) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or persons designated by a firefighter in a writing filed with the board, and who shall be entitled to receive any benefits of a deceased firefighter under this chapter.
- (2) "Board" shall mean the municipal firefighters' pension board.
- (3) "Child or children" shall mean a child or children unmarried and under eighteen years of age.
- (4) "Contributions" shall mean and include all sums deducted from the salary of firefighters and paid into the fund as hereinafter provided.
- (5) "Disability" shall mean and include injuries or sickness sustained as a result of the performance of duty.
- (6) "Firefighter" shall mean any person regularly or temporarily, or as a substitute, employed and paid as a member of a fire department, who has passed a civil service examination for firefighter and who is actively employed as a firefighter; and shall include any "prior firefighter."
- (7) "Fire department" shall mean the regularly organized, full time, paid, and employed force of firefighters of the municipality.
- (8) "Fund" shall mean the firefighters' pension fund created herein.
- (9) "Municipality" shall mean every city and town having a regularly organized full time, paid, fire department employing firefighters.
- (10) "Performance of duty" shall mean the performance of work and labor regularly required of firefighters and shall include services of an emergency nature rendered while off regular duty, but shall not include time spent in traveling to

work before answering roll call or traveling from work after dismissal at roll call.

(11) "Prior firefighter" shall mean a firefighter who was actively employed as a firefighter of a fire department prior to the first day of January, 1947, and who continues such employment thereafter.

(12) "Retired firefighter" shall mean and include a person employed as a firefighter and retired under the provisions of chapter 50, Laws of 1909, as amended.

(13) "Widow or widower" means the surviving wife ~~((or)),~~ husband, ~~or state registered domestic partner~~ of a retired firefighter who was retired on account of length of service and who was lawfully married to, ~~or in a state registered domestic partnership with,~~ such firefighter; and whenever that term is used with reference to the wife or former wife ~~((or)),~~ husband or former husband, ~~or current or former state registered domestic partner~~ of a retired firefighter who was retired because of disability, it shall mean his or her lawfully married wife ~~((or)),~~ husband, ~~or state registered domestic partner~~ on the date he or she sustained the injury or contracted the illness that resulted in his or her disability. Said term shall not mean or include a surviving wife ~~((or)),~~ husband, ~~or state registered domestic partner~~ who by process of law within one year prior to the retired firefighter's death, collected or attempted to collect from him or her funds for the support of herself or himself or for his or her children.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 89 A new section is added to chapter 41.18 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 90 RCW 41.18.010 and 2007 c 218 s 41 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this chapter, unless clearly indicated otherwise by the context, words and phrases shall have the meaning hereinafter ascribed.

(1) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or persons designated by a firefighter in a writing filed with the board, and who shall be entitled to receive any benefits of a deceased firefighter under this chapter.

(2) "Firefighter" means any person hereafter regularly or temporarily, or as a substitute newly employed and paid as a member of a fire department, who has passed a civil service examination for firefighters and who is actively employed as a firefighter or, if provided by the municipality by appropriate local legislation, as a fire dispatcher: PROVIDED, Nothing in chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. shall impair or permit the impairment of any vested pension rights of persons who are employed as fire dispatchers at the time chapter 209, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. takes effect; and any person heretofore regularly or temporarily, or as a substitute, employed and paid as a member of a fire department, and who has contributed under and been covered by the provisions of chapter 41.16 RCW as now or hereafter amended and who has come under the provisions of this chapter in accordance with RCW 41.18.170 and who is actively engaged as a firefighter or as a member of the fire department as a firefighter or fire dispatcher.

(3) "Retired firefighter" means and includes a person employed as a firefighter and retired under the provisions of this chapter.

(4) "Basic salary" means the basic monthly salary, including longevity pay, attached to the rank held by the retired firefighter at the date of his or her retirement, without regard to extra compensation which such firefighter may have received for special duties assignments not acquired through civil service examination: PROVIDED, That such basic salary shall not be deemed to exceed the salary of a battalion chief.

(5) "Widow or widower" means the surviving spouse of a firefighter and shall include the surviving wife ~~((or)),~~ husband, ~~or state registered domestic partner~~ of a firefighter, retired on account of length of service, who was lawfully married to, ~~or in a state registered domestic partnership with,~~ him or to her for a period of five years prior to the time of his or her retirement; and the surviving wife ~~((or)),~~ husband, ~~or state registered domestic partner~~ of a firefighter, retired on account of disability, who was lawfully married to, ~~or in a state registered domestic partnership with,~~ him or her at and prior to the time he or she sustained the injury or contracted the illness resulting in his or her disability. The word shall not mean the divorced wife or husband ~~or former state registered domestic partner~~ of an active or retired firefighter.

(6) "Child" or "children" means a firefighter's child or children under the age of eighteen years, unmarried, and in the legal custody of such firefighter at the time of his death or her death.

(7) "Earned interest" means and includes all annual increments to the firefighters' pension fund from income earned by investment of the fund. The earned interest payable to any firefighter when he or she leaves the service and accepts his or her contributions, shall be that portion of the total earned income of the fund which is directly attributable to each individual firefighter's contributions. Earnings of the fund for the preceding year attributable to individual contributions shall be allocated to individual firefighters' accounts as of January 1st of each year.

(8) "Board" shall mean the municipal firefighters' pension board.

(9) "Contributions" shall mean and include all sums deducted from the salary of firefighters and paid into the fund as hereinafter provided.

(10) "Disability" shall mean and include injuries or sickness sustained by a firefighter.

(11) "Fire department" shall mean the regularly organized, full time, paid, and employed force of firefighters of the municipality.

(12) "Fund" shall have the same meaning as in RCW 41.16.010 as now or hereafter amended. Such fund shall be created in the manner and be subject to the provisions specified in chapter 41.16 RCW as now or hereafter amended.

(13) "Municipality" shall mean every city, town and fire protection district having a regularly organized full time, paid, fire department employing firefighters.

(14) "Performance of duty" shall mean the performance of work or labor regularly required of firefighters and shall include services of an emergency nature normally rendered while off regular duty.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 91 A new section is added to chapter 41.20 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is: (a) Under eighteen years of age; or (b) eighteen years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability.

(2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

(3) "Director" means the director of the department.

(4)(a) "Employee" means a person who has been employed: (i) For at least twelve months by the employer with respect to whom leave is requested under RCW 49.78.220; and (ii) for at least one thousand two hundred fifty hours of service with the employer during the previous twelve-month period.

(b) "Employee" does not mean a person who is employed at a worksite at which the employer as defined in (a) of this subsection employs less than fifty employees if the total number of employees employed by that employer within seventy-five miles of that worksite is less than fifty.

(5) "Employer" means: (a) Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, business trust, legal representative, or other business entity which engages in any business, industry, profession, or activity in this state and includes any unit of local government including, but not limited to, a county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or political subdivision, which employs fifty or more employees for each working day during each of twenty or more calendar workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year; (b) the state, state institutions, and state agencies; and (c) any unit of local government including, but not limited to, a county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or political subdivision.

(6) "Employment benefits" means all benefits provided or made available to employees by an employer, including group life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, sick leave, annual leave, educational benefits, and pensions except benefits that are provided by a practice or written policy of an employer or through an employee benefit plan as defined in 29 U.S.C. Sec. 1002(3).

(7) "Family member" means a child, parent, ((or)) spouse, or state registered domestic partner of an employee.

(8) "Health care provider" means: (a) A person licensed as a physician under chapter 18.71 RCW or an osteopathic physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW; (b) a person licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner under chapter 18.79 RCW; or (c) any other person determined by the director to be capable of providing health care services.

(9) "Intermittent leave" is leave taken in separate blocks of time due to a single qualifying reason.

(10) "Leave for a family member's serious health condition" means leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1)(c).

(11) "Leave for the birth or placement of a child" means leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1) (a) or (b).

(12) "Leave for the employee's serious health condition" means leave as described in RCW 49.78.220(1)(d).

(13) "Parent" means the biological or adoptive parent of an employee or an individual who stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was a child.

(14) "Period of incapacity" means an inability to work, attend school, or perform other regular daily activities because of the serious health condition, treatment of that condition or recovery from it, or subsequent treatment in connection with such inpatient care.

(15) "Reduced leave schedule" means a leave schedule that reduces the usual number of hours per workweek, or hours per workday, of an employee.

(16)(a) "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

(i) Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity; or

(ii) Continuing treatment by a health care provider. A serious health condition involving continuing treatment by a health care provider includes any one or more of the following:

(A) A period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar days, and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition, that also involves:

(I) Treatment two or more times by a health care provider, by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider, or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider; or

(II) Treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of the health care provider;

(B) Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy, or for prenatal care;

(C) Any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due to a chronic serious health condition. A chronic serious health condition is one which:

(I) Requires periodic visits for treatment by a health care provider, or by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider;

(II) Continues over an extended period of time, including recurring episodes of a single underlying condition; and

(III) May cause episodic rather than a continuing period of incapacity;

(D) A period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or family member must be under the continuing supervision of, but need not be receiving active treatment by, a health care provider; or

(E) Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments, including any period of recovery from the treatments, by a health care provider or by a provider of health care services under orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider, either for restorative surgery after an accident or other injury, or for a condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such as cancer, severe arthritis, or kidney disease.

(b) Treatment for purposes of (a) of this subsection includes, but is not limited to, examinations to determine if a serious health condition exists and evaluations of the condition. Treatment does not include routine physical examinations, eye examinations, or dental examinations. Under (a)(ii)(A)(II) of this subsection, a regimen of continuing treatment includes, but is not limited to, a course of prescription medication or therapy requiring special equipment to resolve or alleviate the health condition. A regimen of continuing treatment that includes taking over-the-counter medications, such as aspirin, antihistamines, or salves, or bed-rest, drinking fluids, exercise, and other similar activities that can be initiated without a visit to a health care provider, is not, by itself, sufficient to constitute a regimen of continuing treatment for purposes of this chapter.

(c) Conditions for which cosmetic treatments are administered are not "serious health conditions" unless inpatient hospital care is required or unless complications develop. Unless complications arise, the common cold, the flu, ear aches, upset stomach, minor ulcers, headaches other than migraine, routine dental or orthodontia problems, and periodontal disease are examples of conditions that do not meet the definition of a "serious health condition" and do not qualify for leave under this chapter. Restorative dental or plastic surgery after an injury or removal of cancerous growths are serious health conditions provided all the other

conditions of this section are met. Mental illness resulting from stress or allergies may be serious health conditions provided all the other conditions of this section are met.

(d) Substance abuse may be a serious health condition if the conditions of this section are met. However, leave may only be taken for treatment for substance abuse by a health care provider or by a provider of health care services upon referral by a health care provider. Absence from work because of the employee's use of the substance, rather than for treatment, does not qualify for leave under this chapter.

(e) Absences attributable to incapacity under (a)(ii)(B) or (C) of this subsection qualify for leave under this chapter even though the employee or the immediate family member does not receive treatment from a health care provider during the absence, and even if the absence does not last more than three days.

(17) "Spouse" means a husband or wife, as the case may be, or state registered domestic partner.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 136 A new section is added to chapter 49.86 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 137 A new section is added to chapter 50.04 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 138 A new section is added to chapter 51.08 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 139 A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next

of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 140 A new section is added to chapter 59.20 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 141 A new section is added to chapter 59.21 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 142 A new section is added to chapter 59.22 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 143 A new section is added to chapter 62A.1 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved,

or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 144 A new section is added to chapter 65.12 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 145 RCW 65.12.035 and 1907 c 250 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

The form of application may, with appropriate changes, be substantially as follows:

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO LAND

State of Washington
County of }

In the superior court of the state of Washington in and for county.

In the matter of the
application of

to register the title
to the land hereinafter
described } PETITION

To the Honorable, judge of said court: I hereby make application to have registered the title to the land hereinafter described, and do solemnly swear that the answers to the questions herewith, and the statements herein contained, are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

First. Name of applicant,, age, years.
Residence, (number and street, if any). Married to or in a state registered domestic partnership with (name of husband ((or)), wife, or state registered domestic partner).

Second. Applications made by, acting as (owner, agent or attorney). Residence, (number, street).

Third. Description of real estate is as follows:
estate or interest therein is and subject to homestead.

Fourth. The land is occupied by (names of occupants), whose address is (number street and town or city). The estate, interest or claim of occupant is

Fifth. Liens and incumbrances on the land Name of holder or owner thereof is Whose post office address is Amount of claim, \$. Recorded, Book , page , of the records of said county.

Sixth. Other persons, firm or corporation having or claiming any estate, interest or claim in law or equity, in possession, remainder, reversion or expectancy in said land

are whose addresses are respectively.
Character of estate, interest or claim is

Seventh. Other facts connected with said land and appropriate to be considered in this registration proceeding are

Eighth. Therefore, the applicant prays this honorable court to find or declare the title or interest of the applicant in said land and decree the same, and order the registrar of titles to register the same and to grant such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

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(Applicant's signature)
By, agent, attorney, administrator or guardian.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, A.D. 19. . .

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Notary Public in and for the state
of Washington, residing at

NEW SECTION. Sec. 146 A new section is added to chapter 66.24 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 147 A new section is added to chapter 67.70 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 148 A new section is added to chapter 68.04 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 149 A new section is added to chapter 70.02 RCW to read as follows:

to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 158 RCW 71.05.425 and 2008 c 213 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, at the earliest possible date, and in no event later than thirty days before conditional release, final release, authorized leave under RCW 71.05.325(2), or transfer to a facility other than a state mental hospital, the superintendent shall send written notice of conditional release, release, authorized leave, or transfer of a person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) to the following:

(i) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the person will reside; and

(ii) The sheriff of the county in which the person will reside.

(b) The same notice as required by (a) of this subsection shall be sent to the following, if such notice has been requested in writing about a specific person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4):

(i) The victim of the sex, violent, or felony harassment offense that was dismissed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) preceding commitment under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

(ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court proceedings; and

(iii) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney.

Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are confidential and shall not be available to the person committed under this chapter.

(c) The thirty-day notice requirements contained in this subsection shall not apply to emergency medical transfers.

(d) The existence of the notice requirements in this subsection will not require any extension of the release date in the event the release plan changes after notification.

(2) If a person committed under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3)(c) following dismissal of a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) escapes, the superintendent shall immediately notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means available, the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the person resided immediately before the person's arrest. If previously requested, the superintendent shall also notify the witnesses and the victim of the sex, violent, or felony harassment offense that was dismissed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4) preceding commitment under RCW 71.05.280(3) or 71.05.320(3) or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide. In addition, the secretary shall also notify appropriate parties pursuant to RCW 71.05.390(18). If the person is recaptured, the superintendent shall send notice to the persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working days after the department learns of such recapture.

(3) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be sent to the parent or legal guardian of the child.

(4) The superintendent shall send the notices required by this chapter to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current address.

(5) For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

(b) "Sex offense" means a sex offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

(c) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered domestic partner, parents, siblings, and children;

(d) "Felony harassment offense" means a crime of harassment as defined in RCW 9A.46.060 that is a felony.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 159 A new section is added to chapter 71.09 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 160 A new section is added to chapter 71.12 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 161 A new section is added to chapter 71.32 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 162 A new section is added to chapter 71A.20 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does

not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 163 A new section is added to chapter 72.01 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 164 A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 165 RCW 72.09.015 and 2008 c 231 s 47 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Adult basic education" means education or instruction designed to achieve general competence of skills in reading, writing, and oral communication, including English as a second language and preparation and testing services for obtaining a high school diploma or a general equivalency diploma.

(2) "Base level of correctional services" means the minimum level of field services the department of corrections is required by statute to provide for the supervision and monitoring of offenders.

(3) "Community custody" has the same meaning as that provided in RCW 9.94A.030 and also includes community placement and community supervision as defined in RCW 9.94B.020.

(4) "Contraband" means any object or communication the secretary determines shall not be allowed to be: (a) Brought into; (b) possessed while on the grounds of; or (c) sent from any institution under the control of the secretary.

(5) "County" means a county or combination of counties.

(6) "Department" means the department of corrections.

(7) "Earned early release" means earned release as authorized by RCW 9.94A.728.

(8) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has had multiple-site random controlled trials across heterogeneous populations demonstrating that the program or practice is effective in reducing recidivism for the population.

(9) "Extended family visit" means an authorized visit between an inmate and a member of his or her immediate family that occurs in a private visiting unit located at the correctional facility where the inmate is confined.

(10) "Good conduct" means compliance with department rules and policies.

(11) "Good performance" means successful completion of a program required by the department, including an education, work, or other program.

(12) "Immediate family" means the inmate's children, stepchildren, grandchildren, great grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, great grandparents, siblings, and a person legally married to or in a state registered domestic partnership with an inmate. "Immediate family" does not include an inmate adopted by another inmate or the immediate family of the adopted or adopting inmate.

(13) "Indigent inmate," "indigent," and "indigency" mean an inmate who has less than a ten-dollar balance of disposable income in his or her institutional account on the day a request is made to utilize funds and during the thirty days previous to the request.

(14) "Individual reentry plan" means the plan to prepare an offender for release into the community. It should be developed collaboratively between the department and the offender and based on an assessment of the offender using a standardized and comprehensive tool to identify the offender's risks and needs. The individual reentry plan describes actions that should occur to prepare individual offenders for release from prison or jail, specifies the supervision and services they will experience in the community, and describes an offender's eventual discharge to aftercare upon successful completion of supervision. An individual reentry plan is updated throughout the period of an offender's incarceration and supervision to be relevant to the offender's current needs and risks.

(15) "Inmate" means a person committed to the custody of the department, including but not limited to persons residing in a correctional institution or facility and persons released from such facility on furlough, work release, or community custody, and persons received from another state, state agency, county, or federal jurisdiction.

(16) "Privilege" means any goods or services, education or work programs, or earned early release days, the receipt of which are directly linked to an inmate's (a) good conduct; and (b) good performance. Privileges do not include any goods or services the department is required to provide under the state or federal Constitution or under state or federal law.

(17) "Promising practice" means a practice that presents, based on preliminary information, potential for becoming a research-based or consensus-based practice.

(18) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has some research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the standard of evidence-based practices.

(19) "Secretary" means the secretary of corrections or his or her designee.

(20) "Significant expansion" includes any expansion into a new product line or service to the class I business that results from an increase in benefits provided by the department, including a decrease in labor costs, rent, or utility rates (for water, sewer, electricity, and disposal), an increase in work program space, tax advantages, or other overhead costs.

(21) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the Washington state department of corrections, or his or her designee.

(22) "Unfair competition" means any net competitive advantage that a business may acquire as a result of a correctional industries contract, including labor costs, rent, tax advantages, utility rates (water, sewer, electricity,

and disposal), and other overhead costs. To determine net competitive advantage, the correctional industries board shall review and quantify any expenses unique to operating a for-profit business inside a prison.

(23) "Vocational training" or "vocational education" means "vocational education" as defined in RCW 72.62.020.

(24) "Washington business" means an in-state manufacturer or service provider subject to chapter 82.04 RCW existing on June 10, 2004.

(25) "Work programs" means all classes of correctional industries jobs authorized under RCW 72.09.100.

Sec. 166 RCW 72.09.712 and 2008 c 231 s 27 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) At the earliest possible date, and in no event later than thirty days before release except in the event of escape or emergency furloughs as defined in RCW 72.66.010, the department of corrections shall send written notice of parole, release, community custody, work release placement, furlough, or escape about a specific inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110, to the following:

(a) The chief of police of the city, if any, in which the inmate will reside or in which placement will be made in a work release program; and

(b) The sheriff of the county in which the inmate will reside or in which placement will be made in a work release program.

The sheriff of the county where the offender was convicted shall be notified if the department does not know where the offender will reside. The department shall notify the state patrol of the release of all sex offenders, and that information shall be placed in the Washington crime information center for dissemination to all law enforcement.

(2) The same notice as required by subsection (1) of this section shall be sent to the following if such notice has been requested in writing about a specific inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110:

(a) The victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

(b) Any witnesses who testified against the inmate in any court proceedings involving the violent offense;

(c) Any person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney; and

(d) Any person who requests such notice about a specific inmate convicted of a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 from the department of corrections at least sixty days prior to the expected release date of the offender.

Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses requesting the notice, information regarding any other person specified in writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the notice are confidential and shall not be available to the inmate. Whenever the department of corrections mails notice pursuant to this subsection and the notice is returned as undeliverable, the department shall attempt alternative methods of notification, including a telephone call to the person's last known telephone number.

(3) The existence of the notice requirements contained in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not require an extension of the release date in the event that the release plan changes after notification.

(4) If an inmate convicted of a violent offense, a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, or a felony harassment offense as defined by RCW 9A.46.060 or 9A.46.110, escapes from a correctional facility, the department of corrections

shall immediately notify, by the most reasonable and expedient means available, the chief of police of the city and the sheriff of the county in which the inmate resided immediately before the inmate's arrest and conviction. If previously requested, the department shall also notify the witnesses and the victim of the crime for which the inmate was convicted or the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide. If the inmate is recaptured, the department shall send notice to the persons designated in this subsection as soon as possible but in no event later than two working days after the department learns of such recapture.

(5) If the victim, the victim's next of kin, or any witness is under the age of sixteen, the notice required by this section shall be sent to the parents or legal guardian of the child.

(6) The department of corrections shall send the notices required by this chapter to the last address provided to the department by the requesting party. The requesting party shall furnish the department with a current address.

(7) The department of corrections shall keep, for a minimum of two years following the release of an inmate, the following:

(a) A document signed by an individual as proof that that person is registered in the victim or witness notification program; and

(b) A receipt showing that an individual registered in the victim or witness notification program was mailed a notice, at the individual's last known address, upon the release or movement of an inmate.

(8) For purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Violent offense" means a violent offense under RCW 9.94A.030;

(b) "Next of kin" means a person's spouse, state registered domestic partner, parents, siblings and children.

(9) Nothing in this section shall impose any liability upon a chief of police of a city or sheriff of a county for failing to request in writing a notice as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 167 A new section is added to chapter 72.23 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 168 A new section is added to chapter 72.36 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state

registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 169 RCW 72.36.115 and 2007 c 43 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall establish and maintain in this state an eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

(2) All honorably discharged veterans, as defined by RCW 41.04.007, and their spouses or state registered domestic partners are eligible for interment in the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

(3) The department shall collect all federal veterans' burial benefits and other available state or county resources.

(4) The department shall adopt rules defining the services available, eligibility, fees, and the general operations associated with the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 170 A new section is added to chapter 72.64 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 171 A new section is added to chapter 72.66 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 172 A new section is added to chapter 73.16 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 173 A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in

state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 174 A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 175 A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 176 A new section is added to chapter 74.09A RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 177 A new section is added to chapter 74.13 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement

this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships. Nothing in this act shall be construed as creating or requiring the creation of any medical assistance program, as that term is defined in RCW 74.09.010, for state registered domestic partners that is analogous to federal medical assistance programs extended to married persons.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 178 A new section is added to chapter 74.15 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships. Nothing in this act shall be construed as creating or requiring the creation of any medical assistance program, as that term is defined in RCW 74.09.010, for state registered domestic partners that is analogous to federal medical assistance programs extended to married persons.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 179 A new section is added to chapter 74.20 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 180 A new section is added to chapter 74.20A RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 181 A new section is added to chapter 74.34 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to

dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 182 A new section is added to chapter 74.41 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 183 A new section is added to chapter 77.08 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 184 RCW 77.36.010 and 1996 c 54 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

(1) "Crop" means a commercially raised horticultural and/or agricultural product and includes growing or harvested product but does not include livestock. For the purposes of this chapter all parts of horticultural trees shall be considered a crop and shall be eligible for claims.

(2) "Emergency" means an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of the landowner or tenant that presents a real and immediate threat to crops, domestic animals, or fowl.

(3) "Immediate family member" means spouse, state registered domestic partner, brother, sister, grandparent, parent, child, or grandchild.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 185 A new section is added to chapter 79A.05 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed

to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 186 A new section is added to chapter 80.28 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 187 A new section is added to chapter 81.28 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 188 A new section is added to chapter 81.80 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 189 A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 190 A new section is added to chapter 83.100 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next

of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 191 RCW 83.100.046 and 2005 c 514 s 1201 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of determining the Washington taxable estate, a deduction is allowed from the federal taxable estate for:

(a) The value of qualified real property reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction in respect of the qualified real property and tangible personal property under section 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if the decedent was at the time of his or her death a citizen or resident of the United States.

(b) The value of any tangible personal property used by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family for a qualified use on the date of the decedent's death, reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction in respect of the tangible personal property under section 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if all of the requirements of subsection (10)(f)(i)(A) of this section are met and the decedent was at the time of his or her death a citizen or resident of the United States.

(c) The value of real property that is not deductible under (a) of this subsection solely by reason of subsection (10)(f)(i)(B) of this section, reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction in respect of the qualified real property and tangible personal property under section 2053(a)(4) of the internal revenue code, if the requirements of subsection (10)(f)(i)(C) of this section are met with respect to the property and the decedent was at the time of his or her death a citizen or resident of the United States.

(2) Property shall be considered to have been acquired from or to have passed from the decedent if:

(a) The property is so considered under section 1014(b) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) The property is acquired by any person from the estate; or

(c) The property is acquired by any person from a trust, to the extent the property is includible in the gross estate of the decedent.

(3) If the decedent and the decedent's surviving spouse at any time held qualified real property as community property, the interest of the surviving spouse in the property shall be taken into account under this section to the extent necessary to provide a result under this section with respect to the property which is consistent with the result which would have obtained under this section if the property had not been community property.

(4) In the case of any qualified woodland, the value of trees growing on the woodland may be deducted if otherwise qualified under this section.

(5) If property is qualified real property with respect to a decedent, hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the "first decedent," and the property was acquired from or passed from the first decedent to the surviving spouse of the first decedent, active management of the farm by the surviving spouse shall be treated as material participation by the surviving spouse in the operation of the farm.

(6) Property owned indirectly by the decedent may

qualify for a deduction under this section if owned through an interest in a corporation, partnership, or trust as the terms corporation, partnership, or trust are used in section 2032A(g) of the Internal Revenue Code. In order to qualify for a deduction under this subsection, the interest, in addition to meeting the other tests for qualification under this section, must qualify under section 6166(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code as an interest in a closely held business on the date of the decedent's death and for sufficient other time, combined with periods of direct ownership, to equal at least five years of the eight-year period preceding the death.

(7)(a) If, on the date of the decedent's death, the requirements of subsection (10)(f)(i)(C)(II) of this section with respect to the decedent for any property are not met, and the decedent (i) was receiving old age benefits under Title II of the social security act for a continuous period ending on such date, or (ii) was disabled for a continuous period ending on this date, then subsection (10)(f)(i)(C)(II) of this section shall be applied with respect to the property by substituting "the date on which the longer of such continuous periods began" for "the date of the decedent's death" in subsection (10)(f)(i)(C) of this section.

(b) For the purposes of (a) of this subsection, an individual shall be disabled if the individual has a mental or physical impairment which renders that individual unable to materially participate in the operation of the farm.

(8) Property may be deducted under this section whether or not special valuation is elected under section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code on the federal return. For the purposes of determining the deduction under this section, the value of property is its value as used to determine the value of the gross estate.

(9)(a) In the case of any qualified replacement property, any period during which there was ownership, qualified use, or material participation with respect to the replaced property by the decedent or any member of the decedent's family shall be treated as a period during which there was ownership, use, or material participation, as the case may be, with respect to the qualified replacement property.

(b) Subsection (9)(a) of this section shall not apply to the extent that the fair market value of the qualified replacement property, as of the date of its acquisition, exceeds the fair market value of the replaced property, as of the date of its disposition.

(c) For the purposes of this subsection (9), the following definitions apply:

(i) "Qualified replacement property" means any real property:

(A) Which is acquired in an exchange which qualifies under section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(B) The acquisition of which results in the nonrecognition of gain under section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The term "qualified replacement property" only includes property which is used for the same qualified use as the replaced property was being used before the exchange.

(ii) "Replaced property" means the property was:

(A) Transferred in the exchange which qualifies under section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(B) Compulsorily or involuntarily converted within the meaning of section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Active management" means the making of the management decisions of a farm, other than the daily operating decisions.

(b) "Farm" includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, furbearing animal, and truck farms; plantations; ranches; nurseries; ranges; greenhouses or other similar structures used

primarily for the raising of agricultural or horticultural commodities; and orchards and woodlands.

(c) "Farming purposes" means:

(i) Cultivating the soil or raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural commodity, including the raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training, and management of animals on a farm;

(ii) Handling, drying, packing, grading, or storing on a farm any agricultural or horticultural commodity in its unmanufactured state, but only if the owner, tenant, or operator of the farm regularly produces more than one-half of the commodity so treated; and

(iii)(A) The planting, cultivating, caring for, or cutting of trees; or

(B) The preparation, other than milling, of trees for market.

(d) "Member of the family" means, with respect to any individual, only:

(i) An ancestor of the individual;

(ii) The spouse or state registered domestic partner of the individual;

(iii) A lineal descendant of the individual, of the individual's spouse or state registered domestic partner, or of a parent of the individual; or

(iv) The spouse or state registered domestic partner of any lineal descendant described in (d)(iii) of this subsection.

For the purposes of this subsection (10)(d), a legally adopted child of an individual shall be treated as the child of such individual by blood.

(e) "Qualified heir" means, with respect to any property, a member of the decedent's family who acquired property, or to whom property passed, from the decedent.

(f)(i) "Qualified real property" means real property which was acquired from or passed from the decedent to a qualified heir of the decedent and which, on the date of the decedent's death, was being used for a qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family, but only if:

(A) Fifty percent or more of the adjusted value of the gross estate consists of the adjusted value of real or personal property which:

(i) On the date of the decedent's death, was being used for a qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family; and

(ii) Was acquired from or passed from the decedent to a qualified heir of the decedent;

(B) Twenty-five percent or more of the adjusted value of the gross estate consists of the adjusted value of real property which meets the requirements of (f)(i)(A)(ii) and (f)(i)(C) of this subsection; and

(C) During the eight-year period ending on the date of the decedent's death there have been periods aggregating five years or more during which:

(i) The real property was owned by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family and used for a qualified use by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family; and

(ii) There was material participation by the decedent or a member of the decedent's family in the operation of the farm. For the purposes of this subsection (f)(i)(C)(ii), material participation shall be determined in a manner similar to the manner used for purposes of section 1402(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(ii) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "adjusted value" means:

(A) In the case of the gross estate, the value of the gross estate, determined without regard to any special valuation under section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code, reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction under section

2053(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(B) In the case of any real or personal property, the value of the property for purposes of chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code, determined without regard to any special valuation under section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code, reduced by any amounts allowable as a deduction in respect of such property under section 2053(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(g) "Qualified use" means the property is used as a farm for farming purposes. In the case of real property which meets the requirements of (f)(i)(C) of this subsection, residential buildings and related improvements on the real property occupied on a regular basis by the owner or lessee of the real property or by persons employed by the owner or lessee for the purpose of operating or maintaining the real property, and roads, buildings, and other structures and improvements functionally related to the qualified use shall be treated as real property devoted to the qualified use. For tangible personal property eligible for a deduction under subsection (1)(b) of this section, "qualified use" means the property is used primarily for farming purposes on a farm.

(h) "Qualified woodland" means any real property which:

(i) Is used in timber operations; and

(ii) Is an identifiable area of land such as an acre or other area for which records are normally maintained in conducting timber operations.

(i) "Timber operations" means:

(i) The planting, cultivating, caring for, or cutting of trees; or

(ii) The preparation, other than milling, of trees for market.

Sec. 192 RCW 83.100.047 and 2005 c 516 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) If the federal taxable estate on the federal return is determined by making an election under section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code, or if no federal return is required to be filed, the department may provide by rule for a separate election on the Washington return, consistent with section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code and (b) of this subsection, for the purpose of determining the amount of tax due under this chapter. The election shall be binding on the estate and the beneficiaries, consistent with the Internal Revenue Code and (b) of this subsection. All other elections or valuations on the Washington return shall be made in a manner consistent with the federal return, if a federal return is required, and such rules as the department may provide.

(b) The department shall provide by rule that a state registered domestic partner is deemed to be a surviving spouse and entitled to a deduction from the Washington taxable estate for any interest passing from the decedent to his or her domestic partner, consistent with section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code but regardless of whether such interest would be deductible from the federal gross estate under section 2056 or 2056A of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) Amounts deducted for federal income tax purposes under section 642(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986(;;) shall not be allowed as deductions in computing the amount of tax due under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 193 A new section is added to chapter 83.110A RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved,

or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 194 A new section is added to chapter 84.04 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this title, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

Sec. 195 RCW 84.04.050 and 1961 c 15 s 84.04.050 are each amended to read as follows:

"Householder" shall be taken to mean and include every person, married, in a state registered domestic partnership, or single, who resides within the state of Washington being the owner or holder of an estate or having a house or place of abode, either as owner or lessee.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 196 A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 197 A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 198 A new section is added to chapter 89.12 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered

domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 199 A new section is added to chapter 91.08 RCW to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement this act, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 200 The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) RCW 26.60.050 (Termination -- Records -- Fees) and 2008 c 6 s 1002 & 2007 c 156 s 6; and
- (2) RCW 26.60.055 (Termination) and 2008 c 6 s 1001.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 201 (1) Sections 5 through 8, 79, 87 through 103, 107, 151, 173 through 175, and 190 through 192 of this act take effect January 1, 2014.

(2) Sections 165 and 166 of this act take effect August 1, 2009.

Voters' Pamphlet Art Contest

Students in grades 4-5 are invited to enter the Voters' Pamphlet Art Contest. Submit your original art by April 16, 2010. The winning art will appear in the 2010 General Election Voters' Pamphlet.



For information and complete contest rules, visit www.vote.wa.gov and click on "Just 4 YOU."

Make your voice heard Answer the Census

The U.S. Constitution requires a population count every 10 years, a kind of national snapshot of who we are as a nation.

The Census Bureau hopes for 100 percent participation in Washington State when the Census is conducted next spring. Questionnaires will be mailed in March.

Why bother?

The updated information is very important. It is used to distribute more than \$300 billion in federal funds fairly every year to plan for new hospitals, schools and other vital services. It also helps a bipartisan citizen redistricting commission draw new equal-sized legislative and congressional districts that reflect the population growth and shifts over the past decade.

You'll be asked to complete a questionnaire with a few basic facts about the people in your household. It's safe, easy, and confidential.

Remember, everyone counts.



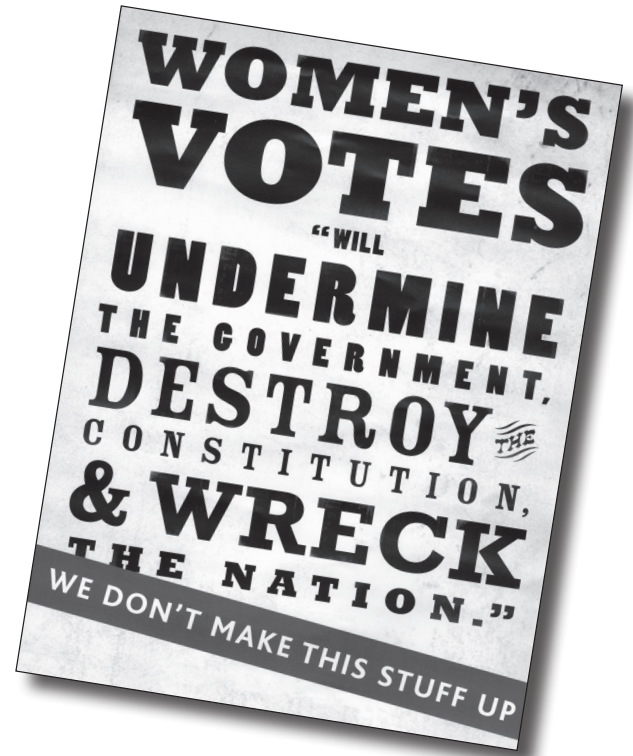
A Century of Women Voting 1910-2010

Women's Suffrage Museum Exhibit

Women's Votes, Women's Voices

Visit the Washington Women's Suffrage Centennial Exhibit, organized by the Washington State Historical Society and the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture. The exhibit provides interactive and in-depth information about the history of women voters in Washington, and will be exhibited through 2011 at the following venues.

Now – January 10, 2010 Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center	July 17, 2010 – October 3, 2010 Museum of History and Industry, Seattle
February 11, 2010 – June 20, 2010 Yakima Valley Museum	October 30, 2010 – June 26, 2011 Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture, Spokane



—Rev. Mark Matthews

For more information about Women's Suffrage in Washington State, visit the Washington Women's History Consortium at www.washingtonwomenshistory.org.

1848 A Call for Women's Rights The first U.S. women's rights convention is held at Seneca Falls, New York. Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and others officially call for women's right to vote (also called "suffrage").	1870 First Votes Cast A group of south Thurston County women decide to test their rights as citizens and successfully vote in a local election.	1883 Voting Rights Granted The Washington Territorial Legislature approves women's right to vote.	1889 Washington Becomes a State Washington is admitted to the Union on November 11. The state Constitution maintains that women can vote in school elections.
1853 Suffrage Fails in Territorial Legislature Women's suffrage is regularly proposed in the Legislature, but fails to pass.	1877 Women Vote in School Elections The Legislature specifies that all taxpaying resident citizens, male or female, can cast ballots in school district contests.	1888 Suffrage Overturned Women's suffrage is overturned by the Territorial Supreme Court.	



Women putting up posters in the 1910 Washington suffrage campaign. (Photo provided by the Washington State Historical Society, www.washingtonhistory.org)



Noted Territorial era suffragist, Mary Olney Brown. She and her sister, Emily Olney French, organized the 1870 vote in Thurston County. (Photo provided by the Washington State Historical Society, www.washingtonhistory.org)



Emma Smith DeVoe, suffrage campaign leader. (Photo provided courtesy of the Tacoma Public Library, #TPL-8717, www.tpl.lib.wa.us)



May Arkwright Hutton, suffrage campaign leader. (Photo provided by the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture/EWSHS, Spokane, www.northwestmuseum.org)

1910 Women Win the Vote

Washington's male voters approve women's suffrage by constitutional amendment, paving the way for many Western states that soon followed.

1993 Women Legislators Top in Nation

Washington is top ranked nationally for percentage of women legislators for 12 consecutive years.

2009 Washington Suffragists Receive Medal of Merit

Emma Smith DeVoe and May Arkwright Hutton are posthumously awarded the Washington State Medal of Merit.

1898 Male Voters Reject Women's Right to Vote

Voters reject a suffrage amendment passed by the Legislature in 1897.

1920 U.S. Women Win Right to Vote

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants women the right to vote nationally.

2004 Top Three are Women

Washington becomes the only state with woman Governor and two women U.S. Senators.

2010 Washington Celebrates 100 Years of Women Voting



Will you be ready to vote for real?

Take this quiz to see if you know the basics about voting.

- 1 **How do we pick our political leaders in the United States?**
 - A. We draw straws.
 - B. Duck, duck, goose.
 - C. Vote.
- 2 **Why is voting important?**
 - A. It is my right.
 - B. It is my responsibility.
 - C. It is how I make my voice heard.
- 3 **What do you need to do in order to vote?**
 - A. Register.
 - B. Ask for permission.
 - C. Buy the forms.
- 4 **How old do you need to be in order to vote?**
 - A. 16
 - B. 17 ½
 - C. 18
- 5 **When did women in Washington State gain the right to vote?**
 - A. 1883
 - B. 1910
 - C. 1920

Answers: 1: C; 2: A, B, and C; 3: A; 4: C; 5: B

Kids can vote in the 2009 Student Mock Election!

It's easy!

Vote online anytime the week of October 26 - 30.

It's free!

Go to www.vote.wa.gov and click on "Just 4 YOU" for more information and to vote.

It's fast!

See how other Washington students voted. Results are posted online after noon on Friday, October 30.

Teachers, download free classroom materials at www.vote.wa.gov.

Elections Word Search

Find the 10 elections-related words in the chart below.

P	E	R	U	T	A	N	G	I	S	O	R
X	I	R	T	P	R	I	M	A	R	Y	B
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County

2009 GENERAL

**Official local
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Let your
voice
be heard.*

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County Auditor's Office

**General election
November 3, 2009**



**CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR CLARK COUNTY RACES
CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 63 TO 93.**

Dear Clark County Voter,

You have the option of returning your voted ballot by mail or dropping it off in person. If you choose to mail your ballot, please be sure to do so in time for it to be postmarked on or before Election Day. If you mail your ballot on Election Day, be sure to check the pick up schedule for the mail box. If you want to personally deliver your ballot you can take it to one of 35 ballot deposit locations before 8 p.m. Election Day. A complete listing of these locations can be found on page 62.

Every election a large number of ballots cannot be delivered because voters have moved and have not updated their addresses with the Elections Department. If you move, please contact the Elections Department by calling (360) 397-2345, by e-mail elections@clark.wa.gov, or by visiting our Web site at www.clarkvotes.org to provide your new address.

If you are a registered voter and have not received your general election ballot in the mail by Friday, October 23, please contact the Elections Department to obtain a replacement ballot.

To make sure your vote is counted, please use a black or blue ink pen to fill in the box by your choices.

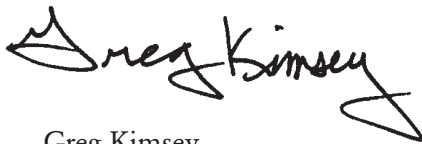
If you make a mistake, please contact the Elections Department to ask for a replacement ballot, or refer to the instructions included with your ballot.

This year, preliminary election results will be released in the sixth-floor hearing room at the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, at about 8:30 p.m. on Election Day. Election results will also be available online at www.clarkvotes.org.

This local voters' pamphlet is designed to help you make important decisions in this year's general election. You have the opportunity to vote for candidates, and on issues, that will affect you and your family.

I urge you to read this pamphlet but to also seek out more information. The best decisions are made by informed voters.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor

Participating jurisdictions:

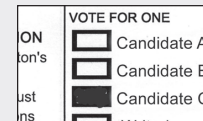
15th Legislative District; Cities of Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, Washougal, Ridgefield, La Center, Woodland; Town of Yacolt; School Districts, Vancouver No. 37, Evergreen No. 114, Battle Ground No. 119, Camas No. 117, Washougal No. 112-6, Hockinson No. 98, Ridgefield No. 122, La Center No. 101, Woodland No. 404-102, Green Mountain No. 103, Mt. Pleasant No. 029-93; Fire Protection Districts No. 2, No. 3, No. 5, No. 6, No. 10, No. 13; Clark County Fire and Rescue; East County Fire and Rescue; Cemetery Districts No. 1, No. 4; Clark Regional Wastewater District; and Port Districts, Vancouver, Camas-Washougal, Ridgefield.

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A reminder to vote: It's really simple



Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at www.clarkvotes.org.

You must complete a voter registration form if you are registering for the first time in Washington or if you moved to a new county. If you have moved within the same county, you may complete a new form or contact the Elections Office by mail, e-mail or phone. Registration forms are available during business hours at public libraries, schools when they are open, city and town halls, and the County Elections Office.

Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

How to vote

Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

The page "Voting instructions" (page 58) in this pamphlet explains how to vote using the Clark County voting process. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

Lost or damaged ballot?

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office:

Phone: (360) 397-2345

E-mail: elections@clark.wa.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address:
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Speech to speech relay:
(800) 833-6384

Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, issues, and coverage of the upcoming November 3 general election.

Read all about it.

■ The Columbian.

Web site:

www.columbian.com.



■ The Oregonian.

Web site: www.oregonlive.com/elections/

■ The Camas/Washougal Post Record.

Web site: www.camaspostrerecord.com.

■ The Reflector.

Web site: www.thereflector.com.

League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their Web site at www.washingtonvoter.org or call (360) 693-9966.

Cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channel 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in The Columbian, cable channel 2, and the CVTV Web site, www.cvtv.org or call (360) 696-8233.

If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program at any Fort Vancouver Regional Library branch or from CVTV.



Surf the Internet.

■ Information about candidates for

statewide offices can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections.

■ Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Department Web site at <http://clarkvotes.org>.

■ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has computers with Internet connections available for public use.



Voting instructions

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you about 20 days before the November 3 general election. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process.
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices (it will be folded).
- A yellow secrecy envelope with instructions printed on it.
- A return affidavit envelope with green stripes that is addressed to the county Auditor.

To make sure your vote is counted please follow the steps below when you receive your ballot package.

1 Read the following instructions that explain how to vote in this election.

2 Unfold and read the ballot. It contains all the races and resolutions that you can vote.

3 Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen.

Example: Candidate C has been chosen in the Mayor race, and Candidate D has been chosen in the Council Position race.

One candidate has been marked in each race and the box is filled in completely.

	CITY OF VANCOUVER
	MAYOR
	Nonpartisan
	Full Four Year Term
	Vote For One
ON	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A
on's	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B
st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate C
s	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
this	
aw?	
	COUNCIL
	POSITION NO. 1
	Nonpartisan
	Full Four Year Term
	Vote For One
ON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate D
	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E
	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate F
of	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate G
ons	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
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s or	

4 *Optional.* If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of the Write-In choice and use the line provided. If you cast a write-in vote for a partisan office be sure to include the candidate's party preference, if known.

5 Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for all the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you voted for only one candidate in each race. If you vote for more than one candidate, your votes in that race will be rejected. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly.

6 Refold the ballot in the same way you received it and place it inside the yellow secrecy envelope. Then seal it. Don't write on this envelope.

7 Place the yellow secrecy envelope into the white affidavit envelope with green stripes.

8 Open the flap on the affidavit envelope, read the oath, and then sign and date it.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, draw a line through the entire candidate's name as shown below. You then have the option of making another choice.

For Two Year Term	
VOTE FOR ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate E	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

9 To fold the affidavit envelope please follow these instructions carefully.

- Start with the front of the envelope facing down and the flap open. See (a) below.
- You will see two glue strips. These need to be lightly moistened.
- Fold the flap over, and press firmly over the glue strips. See (b) below.

10 Put a first class stamp (44¢) on the envelope and mail it so it is postmarked no later than November 3.

You may also deliver your envelope in person. Please turn to page 62 for information about ballot deposit locations.

If you need help, call the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.

(a)

Glue strips

Are you currently a member of the United States military or temporarily living or visiting overseas?

Yes, I am a member of the United States military or

Yes, I am living or visiting overseas

If you are a member of the military or living overseas, you can have your ballot sent directly to you. Just mark the correct box above and print your name and new address on the following lines:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please be sure to seal this envelope using both of the adhesive strips provided, one to be found at the top of this flap and the other to be found near the bottom.

AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER

I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that:

- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I am a legal resident of the state of Washington;
- I will be at least 18 years old on or before election day;
- I am not presently denied my voting rights as a result of being convicted of a felony;
- I have not been judicially declared mentally incompetent;
- I have not already voted in this election; and

● I understand it is illegal to cast a ballot or sign a ballot envelope on behalf of another voter.

Attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this oath is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

Voter's Signature _____
(Signature of Voter - Sign as Registered)

Date Voted _____ Telephone _____

If you are unable to sign your name, you may mark an "X" on the signature line above and have it witnessed by two other people using the two signature lines below. Signatures made by using "Power of Attorney" are NOT valid.

1. Signature of witness required if voter uses a mark (X) _____

2. Signature of witness required if voter uses a mark (X) _____

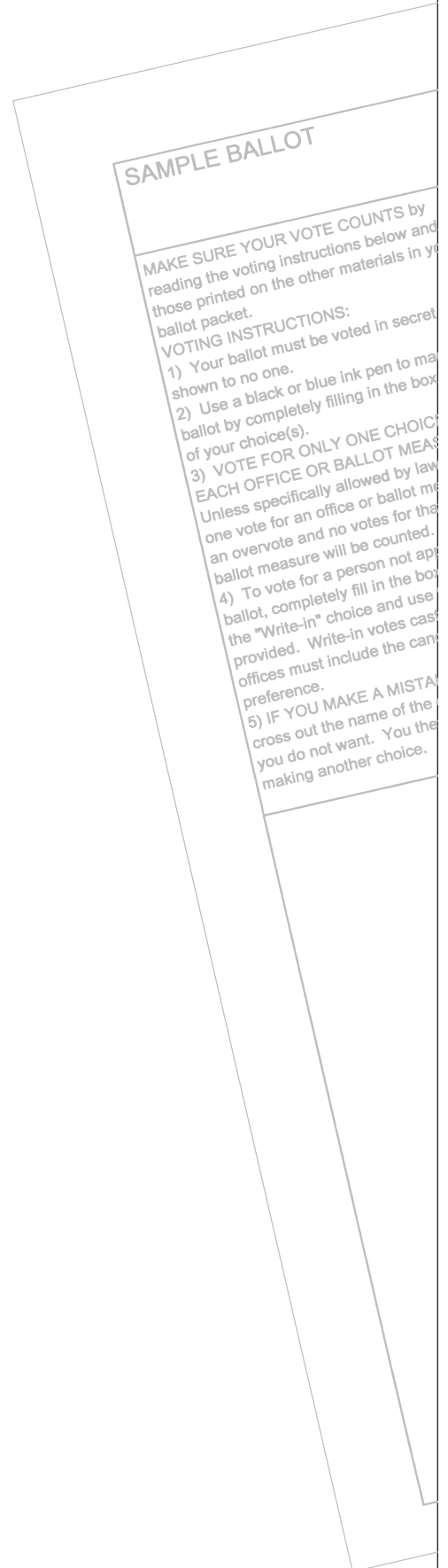
(b)

IMPORTANT! Before you seal this envelope remember to sign and date it. Failure to Sign and Date the oath on this envelope may invalidate your ballot.

Your ballot must either be mailed and postmarked on or before Election Day or delivered to the Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street before 8 PM on Election Day. On Election Day only one or more ballot deposit locations will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM to accept your voted ballot. The "Voting Instructions" sheet included with your ballot gives the complete listing of ballot deposit locations and addresses.

For further assistance see the enclosed "Voting Instructions" sheet or call the Clark County Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.

First Class postage is required.



Accessible voting

Using the eSlate

Clark County voters with disabilities now have the option of casting a truly secret ballot using an accessible voting unit.

The new eSlate accessible voting unit is a direct record electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The eSlate is in a booth that is wheelchair accessible. The photos to the right are of the eSlate, encased in its booth.

Beginning 20 days before each election this accessible voting machine is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

The elections office may be reached by taking C-Tran bus #1 Fruit Valley Route. You will be let off at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Blvd.

The top photograph shows a close-up of the e-Slate. The photograph below shows the e-Slate as part of the wheelchair accessible booth.



About the accessible eSlate

The eSlate is accessible in six ways.

- For those who cannot operate the eSlate using the buttons and wheel, special interface devices are available as shown here.
- For those who cannot see or read the eSlate screen, use the headphones with volume control to hear the ballot.



Accessible features

■ Those who are blind, visually impaired, or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise.

Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neck-loop rather than the headphones.

■ The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel.

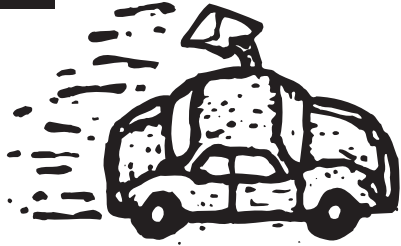
The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.

■ Voters with quadriplegia can use

their sip-n-puff to move through the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.



The accessible eSlate unit is in a wheelchair-accessible booth. If you are not in a chair but need to sit while voting, a chair can be used with the special booth.



Ballot drop-off locations

If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **before Election Day**, take it to the:

■ **Clark County Elections Office**
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver
8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday
If you lose your ballot or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot only at this location.

■ **Red permanent ballot drop box**
West 14th and Esther streets, Vancouver (one-half block east of the Elections Office).
Available 24 hours a day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **on Election Day** take it to the red ballot drop box before 8 P.M.

In addition, election workers will be present to accept completed ballots only on Election Day from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. at these locations:

Clark County Elections Office
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Battle Ground City Hall
109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground

Battle Ground High School
300 W Main Street, Battle Ground

Burton Elementary School
14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver

Chinook Elementary School
1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver

Crestline Elementary School
13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver

Dorothy Fox Elementary School
2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

Felida Elementary School
2700 NW 119th Street, Vancouver

Fisher's Landing Elementary School
3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive,
Vancouver

Glenwood Heights Primary School
9716 NE 134th Street, Vancouver

Grace Foursquare Gospel Church
717 SE Everett Road, Camas

Hazel Dell Elementary School
511 NE Anderson Road, Vancouver

Helen Baller Elementary School
1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas

Hockinson Middle School
15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush Prairie

Image Elementary School
4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

La Center Community Center
1000 E 4th Street, La Center

Lieser Early Childhood Center
301 S Lieser Road, Vancouver

Lincoln Elementary School
4200 Daniels Street, Vancouver

M.L. King Elementary School
4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

Mill Plain Elementary School
400 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver

Minnehaha Elementary School
2800 NE 54th Street, Vancouver

Pleasant Valley School
14320 NE 50th Avenue, Vancouver

Prune Hill Elementary School
1601 NW Tidland Street, Camas

Ridgefield Nazarene Church
747 Pioneer Avenue, Ridgefield

Riverview Elementary School
12601 SE Riveridge Drive,
Vancouver

Salmon Creek Elementary School
1601 NE 129th Street, Vancouver

Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School
2215 NE 104th Street, Vancouver

Sifton Elementary School
7301 NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunset Elementary School
9001 NE 95th Street, Vancouver

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics
3101 Main Street, Vancouver

Walnut Grove Elementary School
6103 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver

Washougal Community Center
1681 C Street, Washougal

Yacolt Primary School
406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt



Candidate statements

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 15TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, POSITION No. 2

David Taylor

Prefers Republican Party



Since his appointment to the Legislature, David Taylor has worked hard to ensure the citizens of the 15th District have a voice in Olympia. With over fifteen years of working on the issues impacting the citizens of the 15th District, David’s conservative principles and common sense approach are assets to the position. As a small business owner, David understands the difficulties facing the business community. David’s legislative priorities include increased local control, prioritized state spending and providing the communities the tools they need to attract economic development.

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John (Jobs) Gotts

Prefers Democratic Party

No statement or photograph was submitted

CITY OF VANCOUVER MAYOR

Tim Leavitt
Nonpartisan



For a better Vancouver, we need fresh leadership with better ideas. It's time to move beyond the business-as-usual attitude. As your Mayor I will listen to *you*, making sure that every neighborhood is included in shaping *our* future.

We need more jobs here at home, safe neighborhoods and pothole-free streets. We must restore neighborhood traffic control and vital after-school programs.

I will *continue* to fight against expensive bridge tolls and un-checked city tax increases. Our future must be affordable! We all deserve to vote on funding important city programs.

It's time to move forward. Vote Leavitt for a better Vancouver.

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Royce E. Pollard
Nonpartisan



Hi, I am Royce Pollard, Mayor of America's Vancouver.

It is an honor to be your Mayor. Together, we have transformed our community with new parks, libraries, community centers and police precincts. We've moved Vancouver forward supporting business growth and jobs, our environment, and Pacific Northwest quality of life.

As your mayor, I will continue to work to ensure that our children and our children's children can prosper, get an education, good jobs, and access to great recreation opportunities – all in a safe, sustainable and friendly environment.

I ask for your support so we can continue to move Vancouver forward.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER COUNCIL, POSITION No. 1

Jack Burkman
Nonpartisan



"*Making sure your voice is heard*" is my commitment to you. As an eastside resident, I believe it's time for our City Council to inform and include the *whole* city.

My priorities are families, keeping our kids safe, jobs, and wisely managing money. I'm a grandfather, longtime local businessman, volunteer and leader for many organizations and causes: Library, YWCA, Clark College, many others.

I'm a man of integrity who shares your values.

Considered sensible, experienced, and approachable; I'm endorsed by hundreds of people from all walks of life: see Web site.

I humbly ask for your vote to return to Council.

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Bill Turlay
Nonpartisan



Bill Turlay is a retired naval aviator and businessman with 50 years experience solving difficult problems. Bill believes city leadership and accountability are key to community growth and well being and better communication with citizens a must.

"I will promote programs that prioritize spending of our tax dollars; aggressively influence elimination of proposed bridge tolls; promote a viable local economy; and introduce an innovative Special Economic Zone to keep our Washington dollars at home. I want to stop questionable projects that benefit a few and are paid for by many."

"I want your vote."

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CITY OF VANCOUVER COUNCIL, POSITION No. 2

David Michael Heywood
Nonpartisan



I ask you to vote to seat me on the Vancouver City Council because I love the community and want to help make it better for all of us including my seven grandchildren, all of whom live within the city boundaries. My years as an observer of the community as a Columbian editor and writer as well as my other civic, business and theatre activities have equipped me to help develop and shape the policy decisions facing the council as it works to build an economy that relies less on the commute to Portland. Please visit my Web site for more.

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Jeanne E. Stewart
Nonpartisan



“Of the people, for the people” was the promise I made when first elected. I kept that promise. I want to continue working for you: maintaining open communication with citizens; protecting neighborhoods and schools; ensuring adequacy of police and fire protection; controlling taxes; requiring disciplined spending of City funds; protecting the environment; working toward development of a third all purpose bridge without tolls; developing a progressive City mindful of spending priorities; improving traffic signal timing; and recognizing my first duty is sustaining the public trust by persistently and vigorously representing the interests of the citizens with your advice and consent.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER COUNCIL, POSITION No. 3

Jeanne Harris
Nonpartisan



More than ever Vancouver needs leadership that is experienced, positive, sees a way to make things happen even when it seems too hard. Bold leadership that is reasonable, asking tough questions, getting answers, engaging the community, making the hard decisions, working with others while maintaining balance and fairness. I'm fiscally conservative and socially responsible. Today, we have more jobs, more retail, more parks, fire and police and maintain more roads while cutting millions from the budget by controlling costs, leading the way in making Vancouver a sustainable, healthy and green community. With your support we can keep Vancouver moving forward!

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle
Nonpartisan



Dear Friends,

More than ever we need leaders who help us here at home.

Leaders need to roll up their sleeves and help us build parks, trails, and safe neighborhoods, help our children, feed the homeless and elderly, provide clean water, and create family-wage jobs that are vital for economic recovery.

Our leaders need to listen to us, for more than three minutes, and stop spending recklessly. This is no time for sitting. We need leadership to stand up and work.

I offer 29 years of proven leadership and I'm eager to serve the citizens of all Vancouver.
Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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CITY OF CAMAS COUNCIL WARD 1: POSITION No. 2

Melissa Smith
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

CITY OF CAMAS COUNCIL WARD 2: POSITION No. 2

Steve Hogan
Nonpartisan



As an elected member of the city council, it is my goal to help make sure your voice is heard in the decision making process. My priorities are a continued high quality of life, a safe community, wise use of taxpayer's dollars, a strong downtown community that is recognized as a central gathering place for the community, a strongly supported education system, and a long term strategy to continue recruitment of jobs to Camas. It has been an honor to serve as your representative for the past four years. I appreciate the opportunity to give back to our community.

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CITY OF CAMAS COUNCIL WARD 3: POSITION No. 2

Scott Higgins
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 1

Michael J. Ciraulo
Nonpartisan



It has been both an honor and privilege to serve the city of Battle Ground as a council member and as the Mayor. My priorities are: keep our taxes low, continue to acquire and develop parks, ensure that public safety remains a priority, and to continue to focus on economic development by attracting jobs and services to our community. Battle Ground is a great place to live, work, shop and play. With your assistance we can enhance and improve all that the city has to offer. I ask for your vote to continue the direction we are heading.

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CITY OF BATTLE GROUND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 2

Phil Haberthur
Nonpartisan



It has been a privilege to serve as your representative for the past 15 months on City Council. I'm proud of what we have accomplished. Some of those accomplishments include establishing the Parks and Recreation Department; opening the Community Center; completing the 219th Interchange; and securing funding to repair North Parkway. While these are important accomplishments, we must continue to address expanded sewer and storm water facilities, improved roads, and parks. With your vote, you will be electing a councilmember who is dedicated to making Battle Ground an even greater city to live, work, shop, raise a family, and play.

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CITY OF BATTLE GROUND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 4

Michael Dalesandro
Nonpartisan



Let's keep Battle Ground a great place to raise a family. My experience on planning commission has given me an appreciation for the opportunities and challenges that face our community. We need to fix South Parkway, Grace Avenue, 20th Avenue, and resolve traffic issues along Main Street. I support bringing an aquatic center to our city. I support low taxes, low fees, and conservative fiscal policy. I will bring positive, levelheaded and approachable leadership that is committed to our city's future. It would be an honor to earn your support and bring your voice to city council.

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Web site: www.MikeForBattleGround.com*

Lisa Walters
Nonpartisan



I have sometimes been referred to as a "rogue" council member. That is true. My voice is not for sale. In this office, my voice belongs to Battle Ground. Since 2001, I have been a council member on behalf of the citizens of Battle Ground... not on behalf of anyone else. I have strived to make a difference and bring Battle Ground into an unheard-of 25 percent surplus in comparison to other cities nationwide. My position on council is not about power and ego. It's about doing the right thing. And that credo is what made we want to run again.

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CITY OF BATTLE GROUND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 5

Adrian Cortes
Nonpartisan



I am a forward thinking person who looks for common ground. I stand in defense of fiscal accountability and protecting the voice of the minority but always enforcing the will of the majority.

I will serve as a voice for citizens and businesses that wish to be considered fairly, and my goal is to help each stay vital in these tough times. I look forward to working with anyone or any group who finds my issues compelling, and my reasoned voice a beacon of true hope and change.

New leadership, new ideas, new energy, humble approach. Vote for Adrian Cortes!

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Web site: www.thoughtsofadriancortes.blogspot.com

Alexander Reinhold
Nonpartisan



I am Deputy Mayor Alex Reinhold, an active community volunteer, and 2004 citizen of the year. Having been on the council for the last 8 years, we have been fiscally sound and well managed. We need to continue doing this. The city needs to look forward, while respecting our history. I want to continue to expand the parks system by adding new features and more activities for younger kids. My goal is to continue my perfect attendance, and make reasonable decisions based on facts. I love our city and her citizens. I look forward to working as your councilman.

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CITY OF BATTLE GROUND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 6

Bill Ganley
Nonpartisan



My commitment to Battle Ground is unwavering. I support sound public safety, parks and green spaces. I work to ensure our property taxes remain the lowest in the county. My conservative approach to fiscal management has contributed positively to the city's relative health during this recession when compared to neighboring cities.

I've been a history teacher/track coach at BGHS for 28 years. I served as mayor from 1997 to 2001. I currently serve on the C-Tran, Regional Transportation Council and the Clark County Railroad boards. I believe my commitment in combination with my experience is an asset to the city.

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Shane A. Bowman
Nonpartisan



As a Battle Ground resident, I have a genuine interest in this community, where more trustworthy leaders are needed. I offer fresh ideas in lieu of my opponent's status quo stance on issues. He voted for the light rail and tolls for I-5 and I-205 Bridges.

I serve as a Little League coach and board member, where I realize the need for a community pool, youth center, and sports' fields. A fiscally responsible entrepreneur educated at BYU, I will reduce business and property taxes to assist families, entrepreneurs and attract investment for the Old-Town district.

Thank you for supporting change.

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL MAYOR

Sean Guard
Nonpartisan



There are a number of areas that I will strive to improve as Mayor: economic development and job creation; more open government characterized by prudent decisions and processes; careful budgeting to avoid increases in taxes and fees; cooperation, not competition, with Camas, the Port and East County Fire and Rescue; and planning for 10, 20, 50 years into the future.

I want to bring professional management to the city. We have such a great community and so much potential, we just need to capture it. Please join me in getting Washougal back on the road to great things. Thank you.

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Stacey S. Sellers
Nonpartisan



Great cities require wisdom, dedication, hard work and a sense of vision from their leaders. Since becoming Mayor, Washougal has: created a better community; become a leader in sustainability; increased accountability; been fiscally responsible; improved parks and trail systems.

Together we can work to improve our local business climate, protect our natural resources and safeguard our quality of life for future generations.

Moving forward requires the same focused, committed, and bold leadership that marks my tenure as a Mayor. I continue to be thankful for your advice and support, and I ask for your vote once again on November 3rd.

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL COUNCIL, POSITION No. 1

Jon Russell
Nonpartisan



As your Representative on the Council, I have accomplished many things on your behalf: freezing property taxes, a balanced budget and protecting private property to name a few. Unlike the reckless spending of Congress who has sunk us into a projected 4 trillion dollar deficit, our city has been responsible with your tax money. As owner of Columbia Gorge Medical Center, I have brought real healthcare reform to Clark County. Working with non-profit organizations, we have a program to provide basic healthcare to the uninsured. Our corner of Southwest Washington is a great place to live thanks to you.

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL COUNCIL, POSITION No. 3

Paul Greenlee
Nonpartisan



Your City has a great team. We work hard & smart, toward making Washougal a great place to live, work, play. We are dollar-wise. We haven't raised our tax levy in years. During prosperity, we foresaw trouble, stayed lean, saved. Today, our finances are healthy and strong. We have new parks, new community events, new businesses, and a new reputation. Great communities attract great things. Washougal's future is forward, not back. Please, let us keep moving forward. Keep the team together. I love my city. I love representing Washougal with dignity and respect. I ask for your vote. Thank you.

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL COUNCIL, POSITION No. 4

Michael Delavar
Nonpartisan



Dear Neighbor,

I was appointed to the City Council in June. My whole goal in politics is protecting citizens' rights and keeping government from being too intrusive.

That translates into keeping regulations to a minimum, fees and taxes as low as possible, and being wise with the public's money. We can provide for public safety, road maintenance, and necessary services, without raising the tax burden.

City government cannot spend money unless it first takes money from someone. You don't want to pay more taxes do you? I didn't think so.

Please vote for me for position 4.

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Gary H. Alexander, Sr.
Nonpartisan



It would be an honor to represent the citizens of Washougal as a councilperson with the city of Washougal. I have over 12 years experience, both on the City Council and as a Washougal School Board Director. Guidance means that I can count on God; commitment means that God and the citizens of Washougal can count on me. I see myself as a statesman and not a politician. A politician thinks of the next election, I think of the next generation. I feel from listening comes wisdom and from speaking repentance. Listen – or thy tongue will keep thee deaf.

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL COUNCIL, POSITION No. 6

Dave Shoemaker
Nonpartisan



I would be honored to represent my fellow Washougal citizens. In addition to adding balance to the Council, my goal is adding employment and shopping opportunities while preserving the unique character of Washougal. Such opportunities require partnering with schools and making Washougal attractive to potential employers and residents. Growing while preserving city character requires a sense of history and the type experience I have in introducing change. As a former Army officer, decorated Vietnam Veteran, and College Dean with a doctoral degree, I have been at the forefront of change for four decades. I ask for the opportunity to serve.

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Larry Wagoner
Nonpartisan



I am running for the city council because the people deserve a strong voice for transparency and accountability in their government. I have had the opportunity to serve the community through the emergency services not only locally but at the state and national levels for the last 15 years. I believe that I have the experience that will enable me to perform the duties that the position requires. I am committed to helping our community grow in a responsible manner. Please vote for Larry Wagoner.

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL COUNCIL, POSITION AT-LARGE

Molly L. Coston
Nonpartisan



It has been my honor during the past five years to serve as your City Councilmember. If re-elected, I will continue to provide thoughtful and responsible solutions to retain and improve the qualities that make our Washougal community unique and wonderful.

My priorities are prudent fiscal policies, greater citizen involvement in all aspects of local governance, and creating a more sustainable and robust community. We all prosper when we can reach these goals together. With your support, I will continue to lead Washougal into a promising future. My door is always open, and I encourage your input.

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CITY OF RIDGEFIELD COUNCIL, POSITION No. 1

Ron Onslow
Nonpartisan



It has been my honor to serve Ridgefield as Councilman since February 2007 and Mayor since January 2008. I am an advocate for honesty, openness and a wish to continue “the way life should be” in Ridgefield.

My goals include: solving our sewer issues; surging forward on parks, trails, and community gardens; completion of the Pioneer and I-5 interchange to encourage business development on its four corners; completion of a performance building code; designation of an historic downtown overlay to preserve our city; clean-up of downtown polluted lots; and co-operation with the Port of Ridgefield for waterfront development.

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CITY OF RIDGEFIELD COUNCIL, POSITION No. 4

Don Stose
Nonpartisan



I am running for Ridgefield City Council, Position No. 4. I have just recently retired and am looking forward to new challenges. I have watched the city of Ridgefield transition into a highly respected community in the state of Washington. I am excited and enthusiastic to be a part of Ridgefield’s growth to move forward in the coming years. I hope to work for the citizens of the city of Ridgefield to keep the cost of living affordable for all. I believe it is important to continue improving city parks, walking trails, improving the environment and upgrading city schools.

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CITY OF LA CENTER COUNCIL, POSITION No. 1

Bill Birdwell, Jr.
Nonpartisan



Having been a resident of La Center for seventeen years, I have experienced many changes in the community. Currently serving as City Councilman, I feel it is essential to have open communication and interaction with our citizens, all of our local businesses, and other government entities. I will continue to focus on economic development, transportation, parks, and managed community growth. These goals, tempered with the use of common sense to maximize our resources, will help to maintain our high quality of living. I am committed to keep La Center a great place to live and proud to call it home.

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Ron Ostrander
Nonpartisan



Hi, I'm Ron Ostrander.

The gracious encouragement of many of you has prompted me to run for City Council. US Army veteran – Viet Nam era. Served as a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol. I'm a current member of the American Legion and VFW. I graduated from Texas State University – BS in Education.

I oppose tax/rate increases in this challenging economy. I believe excessive tax/rates can harm property values and discourage growth.

I favor diversification of our business tax base; inclusive of downtown revitalization.

I listen – I ask for your vote. Thank you.

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CITY OF LA CENTER COUNCIL, POSITION No. 2

Al Luiz
Nonpartisan



Al as Planning Commission Vice Chairman addresses city ordinances, comprehensive and urban capital facilities plans, and economic development issues. His 38 years of management experience include studying at Cal State Long Beach College, majoring in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing. He owns a Marketing and Consulting company and serves on the Board of Directors for a Media Company. Al proudly served in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. He actively participates in the Lions and is on the "Our Days Committee." His contagious enthusiasm and love for people and community will be a great asset to our government.

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Dale Smith
Nonpartisan



I'm Dale Smith and I'm running for La Center City Council, Position 2. My main issues: active opposition to inappropriate tribal development at I-5 junction, and keeping taxes & fees as low as possible. I'll work to provide a business-friendly environment to retain our present jobs and to attract new businesses for even more jobs. A former Councilmember for four years, I've worked hard to maintain budget restraint. I'm a Scoutmaster and USAF Veteran, and I've lived in La Center since 1999 with my wife Nancy and our 3 sons. Please vote to return Dale Smith to the City Council.

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CITY OF LA CENTER COUNCIL, POSITION No. 3

Troy Van Dinter
Nonpartisan



With an accounting degree and 20 years experience, Troy wants to continue providing needed policy and financial guidance on the council. A life-long La Center resident, he says, "It's critical we protect our current revenue base then develop new income sources and job opportunities." As a board member at Leadership Clark County and SVHHOA, he's well-positioned in the county to help do that. Troy and his wife, Shari have two children, Chris and Alex, both attend(ed) La Center schools. "I want to maintain our community's excellent quality of life and will work hard to deserve your trust and your vote."

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Facebook: Friends to re-elect Troy Van Dinter La Center City Council Pos. #3

Barbara M. Vining
Nonpartisan



It is inevitable that Clark County and the Discovery Corridor will grow explosively in the next 20 years. I believe that La Center is in an excellent position to establish and posture itself to proactively prepare for this growth. With growth, comes opportunities to diversify the economy, provide a source of jobs for local residents, and stabilize our economy while maintaining a peaceful, small-town feel. I believe that our community's success will come from continued and enhanced cooperation among the City, its citizens and the youth in our schools.

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TOWN OF YACOLT COUNCIL, POSITION No. 2

Joshua E. Letts
Nonpartisan



Joshua E. Letts, born and raised in Clark County and is proud to have been a Yacolt resident for the past five years.

Joshua E. Letts has been married to Christine Letts for 14 years and has two children.

Joshua E. Letts has been a general contractor and flooring specialist for 15 years here in Clark County.

Joshua E. Letts is a non-bias open-minded individual that wants to be in the game instead of watching.

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James Weldon
Nonpartisan



Yacolt is involved in a number of meaningful activities, many of which could be expanded as we grow. Yacolt is a premium place to live and provides an environment that welcomes families. Safeguarding our quality of life for future generations is a priority. I am looking forward to continuing to serve our town family. I have confidence that I am equal to the task as together we plan and move forward into the future of Yacolt. I will be honored to hear your concerns and work diligently with you. I thank you for your vote, re-electing me to represent you.

Address: 604 N. Hubbard Avenue, Yacolt 98675; Telephone: (360) 907-1037

TOWN OF YACOLT COUNCIL, POSITION No. 3

Karen Holyk
Nonpartisan



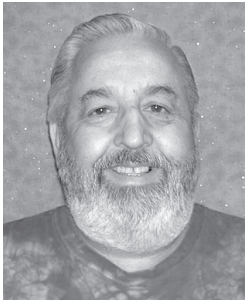
I am honored to have served you on the Town Council. My vision is to build a stronger safe community with adequate services. I have held others accountable who would raise taxes and fees. I continue to support wise use of all tax dollars. As your representative I have approached each issue impartially, diligently researched the issues and listened to your concerns and your ideas for our small town before I vote on the issues. I support the Citizen's Committee run by our citizens, working together to build a strong community.

I appreciate your vote.

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CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 1

John (JJ) Burke
Nonpartisan



I would like to thank you for the support that you have given me in the past, and the encouragement to continue on. This is *not* the time to keep raising taxes and I will do my best not to. With the unemployment rates rising, we need to work harder to attract businesses which will bring jobs and tax revenue into our community. Wal-Mart alone is estimated to bring in $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars a year. Woodland is growing so fast, and we need to look at a new building to fit our police and fire department needs.

CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 2

Darwin K. Rounds*Nonpartisan**No photograph was submitted*

I have served on the planning commission for 8 years as both a planning commission member and as chairperson. I am currently serving on the Woodland city council and have been for the past 3 plus years, now I am seeking another term which brings me to ask for your vote. I would like to say "thanks" to all those who have supported me in the past and "thank you" to those who will support me in the future. Regardless of your voting choice, stay in touch with your city council members...you are who makes the difference.

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E-mail: Roundsd@ci.woodland.wa.us

Al Ryder*Nonpartisan**No statement or photograph was submitted***Suzanne Taylor Moore***Nonpartisan*

I strongly support our fire and police department and stress their worth in our community. To help the citizens understand the value of fairness, rights of a decent education, build proper schools. Teach others why certain taxes are necessary if our town is to *bloom* like flowers and not just grow like weeds. *We must each* be actively involved and participate not just in the *fun* activities: but in decency, safety, and fairness in order to grow a community. To help all of Woodland become safer.

Al Swindell*Nonpartisan*

My decision to run for City Council came after attending many council meetings and a great desire to serve. I grew up in the North Clark County area around Ridgefield. I can appreciate the history and the pride of the people of Woodland.

I believe I can offer my many years of experience to help solve Woodland's rapid growth as well as helping keep the small town atmosphere.

I am currently President of the Friends of the Woodland Library and I am also on the Horseshoe Lake Management Committee.

Vote for Al Swindell for City Council position 2.

Telephone: cell (360) 936-0959; **E-mail:** Swindellal@yahoo.com

CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 3,

Marilee McCall
Nonpartisan



I have served since October 2006 as your councilmember, and since January as your Mayor Pro-Tem. My priorities have remained constant: responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars; coordination with surrounding municipalities and service providers to build collaboration for efficiencies in services; long range planning for Woodland and our surrounding area with vision to provide for future generations; conservation of our environmental landscape and recreational opportunities; and preservation and enhancement of our historic downtown.

I request your continued support and I respectfully ask for your vote so that I may continue in your service. Thank you.

Telephone: (360) 225-1627; E-mail: council03@Integrity.com

CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 5

Susan Humbyrd
Nonpartisan



It has been a privilege to serve Woodland since being appointed to the council in January of 2007. I have been active in many different programs and committees that focus on planned economic development, sustainable growth, and building a strong future for our city. I will continue to work passionately toward these goals while keeping in mind Woodland's history and maintaining our small-town feel that we cherish. I look forward to continuing my role as councilwoman.

CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 6

Benjamin Fredricks
Nonpartisan



It has been a great pleasure to serve as a member of the Woodland City Council. My goal is to continue working toward improving the accessibility, sustainability, and accountability of city government. Transportation, public safety, and responsible growth are the key issues that determine the future of Woodland. My background in fiscal planning, business management, negotiations and conflict resolution give me the skills necessary to begin to resolve the major obstacles before us, and to set the course for immediate and future success. I ask for the opportunity to continue to serve Woodland. Thank you for your vote.

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E-mail: council06@gmail.com*

CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL, POSITION No. 7

Thomas Mattison
Nonpartisan



My name is Thomas Mattison and I'm announcing my intention to run for council for the City of Woodland Position #7. Many good things have occurred and I want to continue the growth management for all the citizens. By working together we can make Woodland the envy of the entire county. Hard work and common sense will prevail in these tough economic times. So please lend your trust in me to do the best for all of Woodland.

Telephone: (360) 225-9697

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 37 DIRECTOR, POSITION No. 2

Mark F. Stoker
Nonpartisan



In my two years on the school board we have made tremendous progress toward turning Vancouver Public Schools into a world class, 21st Century learning environment. We have a new superintendent and administration team, as well as a dynamic and exciting strategic plan. My experience puts me in position to sustain the progress our District has shown and our children deserve. My primary interest is ensuring our students graduate with the skills necessary to become competent, responsible and compassionate world citizens. I am proud that my three children are recent graduates of Vancouver Public Schools. Thank you for your support.

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Chris Peppers
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 37 DIRECTOR, POSITION No. 3

Nelson Holmberg
Nonpartisan



I'm a proud product of Vancouver Public Schools and have enjoyed working with students through volunteer programs. I am a candidate for the school board to improve educational opportunities for our children. With fresh thinking, we can continue to raise the bar on learning and help students graduate well-prepared for the world they will compete in. I have the leadership experience to quickly make an impact as a new director. Everyone benefits when elected officials operate in an open manner. Taxpayers and employees want to feel informed and part of the process, and that's how I will work for you.

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Web site: Committee to Elect Nelson Holmberg at www.nelsonholmberg.com; Also on Facebook

Kathy Gillespie
Nonpartisan



For seven years I have built trust and strong relationships as a volunteer in the Vancouver School District working side-by-side with students, families, teachers, staff and administrators. My daily presence in our schools has given me a unique inside view of our district – our successes and our challenges.

As a board member, I will build new relationships, advocate for accountability at all levels and help provide the oversight, guidance and funding necessary to ensure that all children acquire the skills necessary to become successful life-long learners and happy, productive citizens.

Resident since 1991. Two children in Vancouver schools.

E-mail: contactkathy@ElectKathyGillespie.com; *Web site:* www.ElectKathyGillespie.com

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 114 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 1

Troy E. Thomas
Nonpartisan



“The twenty year investment” – investing in decisions today affects the future of all children tomorrow. Collectively addressing student achievement in collaboration with elected officials, union leaderships, community leaders, and surrounding districts. We promote staff development for increased student success. We review student performance associated with key curriculum areas monthly to keep a watchful eye towards progress. Maintain fiscal responsibility to balance student achievement. We need your voice in making informed decisions, which further strengthens our communities’ success in educational achievements.

Voting for me will continue progressive student achievements!

Five year board member. Resident since 1979. Two children in Evergreen Schools.

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Adam Baldwin
Nonpartisan



The *crisis* America faces today and in the years ahead is a direct consequence of the failure of public education to successfully educate our children. Americans are not effectively taught their rights, so they cannot demand them when they’re lost. Our children are taught little of our culture, but even less on economics and the results are plain to see. Our children do not study formal logic and thus have no foundation for mathematics and the sciences. If elected I will do what I can to see to it our children get the education they deserve.

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EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 114 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 4

Todd Yuzuriha
Nonpartisan



It has been an honor to serve on the Evergreen School Board.

My focus is to improve the quality of education for every student and using our tax dollars efficiently.

As a retired Vice President of Engineering at Logitech and a former Senior Director at Sharp, I offer a world-competitive viewpoint, a collaborative problem solving approach, and a thirst for innovation. I am an 18-year resident of the District with 3 children. My youngest child attends middle school. I am passionate about music – playing trumpet in bands at retirement centers throughout Vancouver.

Thank you for your support.

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EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 114 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 5

Michael W. Parsons
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 119 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 1**Monty Anderson**
Nonpartisan

I am someone who is passionate about schools. I am not a politician or an insider, I believe that it is time for a fresh perspective on the school board.

I have children attending BG Schools and serve on many citizen advisory committees. This has given me insight into the issues before us. Our schools face difficult challenges. As Office Manager of a locally-owned business, I successfully deal with similar challenges daily.

My commitment to children: quality education

My commitment to the community: fiscal responsibility

I want and intend to be part of *the solution* for our children's future.

Telephone: (360) 686-8066; **E-mail:** monty.anderson@gmail.com

Frederick Striker
Nonpartisan

Frederick Striker is a passionate advocate for the students, staff, and citizens of the Battle Ground School District. During his tenure, the district has added new schools, developed a regular maintenance schedule for facilities and instituted important changes to curriculum and instruction which have improved student achievement. Frederick's can-do attitude and experience have been a driving force to many successes in the district; he's seen the district through lean times. Frederick is a reasonable, respected board member who upholds the highest standards of accountability. Frederick Striker's vital, vibrant and dedicated service is too valuable to lose – re-elect Frederick Striker.

BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 119 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 3**John G. Idsinga**
Nonpartisan

I believe in the success of children and that the key to their success is a solid education. I also recognize that the Battle Ground School District has limited money so it must be responsible in oversight of how that money is spent to assure our children have the tools they need to achieve that success. As a former dairy farmer/business owner in rural Battle Ground and then as City Councilman/Mayor of Battle Ground, I have gained a perspective of the diversity of the school district that will return a balance to decision making that will benefit the entire district.

Telephone: (360) 852-4960; **E-mail:** jidsinga@pacifier.com

Richard C. Kent
Nonpartisan

My commitment has been, and will continue to be, sincere advocacy for students, teachers, parents, taxpayers and all stakeholders.

Local citizens should have control in making decisions for public education. I value all views and opinions, without censorship. It is important that we continue to reach for the highest levels of student achievement with fiscal responsibility. I am a professional geologist, served our community as a Boy Scout leader, soccer coach, and have been active in city planning. If you choose me as your representative on the Battle Ground School Board, I promise to represent you with integrity and diligence.

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BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 119 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 5

Steve M. Pagel
Nonpartisan



As a long time resident of the school district, I am excited to have the opportunity to give back to the schools that have provided an excellent foundation for my three children. I believe that by restoring respect and professionalism to the school board, we can focus on the tasks at hand: improving academic achievement; updating buildings; increasing parental involvement; and communicating effectively with our community. As a small business owner, I understand the need to live within a budget and spend carefully; a skill I will use on behalf of the people of the Battle Ground School District.

Telephone: (360) 573-7758; E-mail: pagelsjaaks@aol.com

Cecil Schlecht
Nonpartisan



It has been my privilege to serve the students and patrons of the Battle Ground School District. Student learning must be the number one focus of everything we do in schools. In order to be effective in that work, we need to be accountable to the public in the use of their tax dollars and the education of their children. If re-elected, I will continue to promote a student centered focus, honesty, fairness and accountability to the public.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Telephone: (360) 573-1222 or (360) 518-1421; E-mail: cecils@rooftoppers.com

CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 117 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 1

Casey O'Dell
Nonpartisan



I am proud to have served you for the last 8 years on the Camas School Board. My participation on the Board continues to be the most rewarding public service experience with which I have been involved. Our staff, students and community are the "best of the best," and continue to make the Camas School District a leader in the education community. Our times ahead will be both exciting and challenging with our current budget situation and upcoming boundary adjustments. I would like to help get us through these challenging times and ask for your vote once again.

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CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 117 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 2

Julie A. Rotz
Nonpartisan

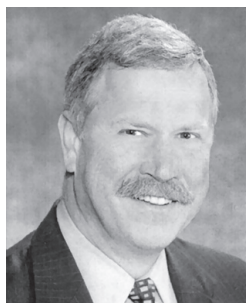
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In order to boost our local communities and strengthen our nation we have to enable our children through an innovative and challenging education. Education is more than a task for the mind, but one for the entire body and a process by which we can help our children understand the importance of respecting and serving each other. As a community advocate, I will work to help promote decisions that will nourish and encourage our children's ability to learn and grow and by so doing, we will be a foundation for them to become strong, respected contributors to our society.

CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 117 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 5**Mary Tipton**
Nonpartisan

I seek to continue to serve on the Camas School Board because I believe in the importance of a strong public education system for our community. As a member of the board, I will work to ensure that our district strives for excellence in student learning and achievement, even in an environment of budget pressure. The combination of my experience volunteering in the schools and over 27 years in finance and business management in the technology industry provide me with valuable skills to contribute in this position. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

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WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 112-6 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 3**Blaine A. Peterson**
Nonpartisan

Thank you for the past opportunity to serve you, our community and our students.

It is important to remember that our major purpose is to provide the best possible education that we can for our children, especially now with diminishing budgets and an economy in recession. We can best do that by continuing to work together, communicating openly and finding innovative solutions that will help provide our youth the opportunity to succeed and grow in mind, body, and spirit.

I look forward to continuing to do the best I can for our young citizens.
Sincerely, Blaine Peterson.

Address: 506 31st Street, Washougal 98671; Telephone: (360) 798-5946

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 112-6 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 5**Ron Dinius**
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 122 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 1

Jeff Vigue
Nonpartisan

No photograph was submitted

It has been a privilege to serve on the Ridgefield School Board the past 2 years. We have some challenges and opportunities ahead of us. I believe that I have 2 main responsibilities serving on the Board, increase student learning and be responsible with the taxpayer's money. I feel I have done a good job of that the past 2 years and with your help, I will continue doing it for 4 more years. I am asking for your support and your vote in helping me help our students get back to being the best in Clark County!

Address: PO Box 882, Ridgefield 98642; Telephone: (360) 887-8402

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 122 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 4

Julie Olson
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 122 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 5

Scott Gullickson
Nonpartisan



I'm committed to making a positive impact on Ridgefield Schools, ensuring quality education for all students. With your support, I will continue to work hard for the district through common sense decision making, open communication, and fiscal responsibility. I'm highly active in the community and welcome open dialogue between the community members and the school district. I support high standards because they're the foundation for academic success, and I'm dedicated to maintaining quality programs that maximize student achievement. I have the skills and work ethic necessary to face the challenges ahead, and ask for your vote.

Telephone: (360) 931-3302; E-mail: scott@crccorporation.com

Art Raz
Nonpartisan



By serving on the Ridgefield School Board I am interested in effecting change to better prepare students to become productive citizens. I believe that *more* than the state minimal educational requirements should be implemented throughout the district to all students. The academic aspiration of each student, from gifted to special needs, should be addressed. Parents, teachers and administration should be held accountable for each child's progress. Tax dollars can be more effectively utilized to decrease class size and promote academics for all levels of learners. With citizen input I'm certain we can accomplish these goals.

Telephone: (360) 518-2665

HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 98 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 1**David G. Macdonald**
Nonpartisan

The Hockinson Community has been my home for sixteen years. My family and I feel blessed to live among such exceptional families with strong values. The center of our community is the school district which has been recognized as one of the outstanding districts in the State of Washington. It is what brings us together. To give back to the community that I appreciate, I am running for position 1 on the Hockinson School Board. I will use my accounting and business background to support the district through this turbulent economic period. It would be an honor to serve you.

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Chris Anderson
Nonpartisan

I have lived in this community all but eight years of my life and it has been a joy to be involved in family, church and community. Some school involvements have been: representing Hockinson School District as a member of Clark County Goals 2000; Levy Committees; Site Planning Committees; High School Building Leadership Team (BLT); Parent Advisory Team for Middle School and High School; PWT; High School ASB Parent Advisor; Core Team for building the High School; reading new curriculum; classroom, library and office volunteer. It would be a privilege to use these experiences to serve on the school board.

Telephone: (360) 892-9096

HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 98 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 2**Ron D. Arp**
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 101

No candidate for elective office in La Center School District No. 101 chose to submit a statement or photograph.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404-102 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 3

Tina M. Cayton
Nonpartisan



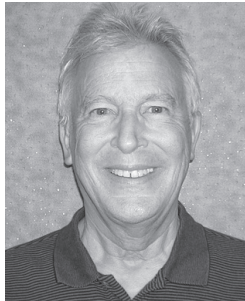
It has been my pleasure and great experience to serve on the Woodland School Board. As a board member I will continue to contribute to the growth, education and professional development of our students.

Thank you. Tina Cayton

E-mail: tina.cayton@Gmail

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404-102 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 4

Bill Woodard
Nonpartisan



No statement was submitted

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404-102 DIRECTOR, DISTRICT No. 5

Patricia J. Stepp
Nonpartisan



The quality of education that my three children received attending Woodland schools enabled them to pursue their dreams and to find their respective vocations. I am running for the Woodland School Board in an effort to assure that this generation of students has equal opportunities to succeed in life. Budget restraints need not weaken scholastic excellence.

As a lifelong volunteer, I believe my experience on diverse boards has taught me how my one person's worth can be used to bring about positive change. I look forward to this challenge.

I ask for your vote.

E-mail: ravenmaven@tds.net

Steven B. Madsen
Nonpartisan



Representing the Yale Valley on the Woodland School Board, I have been able to work with my fellow Directors to make very difficult budget cuts over this past year while preserving Yale Elementary School as the centerpiece of my small community. I look forward to continuing to work to pass a bond to build the new high school this district so desperately needs. With my six-year-old daughter, Erin, beginning first grade this year, my commitment to the District will be vested for many years to come. I thank the residents of the Woodland School District for their continued support.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 103

No candidate for elective office in Green Mountain School District No. 103 chose to submit a statement or photograph.

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 029-93 DIRECTOR, POSITION No. 1

Thomas Schlatter
Nonpartisan



I am the father of four children that have attended and will continue to attend Mt. Pleasant School through 2018. I have been and intend to remain a very active participant in the interest of the school and the community for many years to come. I have been a member of the School Board since February and joined the School Board because it is critical for the success of the School District, the students and the community to have a parent of children that are currently enrolled in the school represented on the Board.

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 029-93 DIRECTOR, POSITION No. 2

Dolores (De) Nelson
Nonpartisan



No statement was submitted

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 029-93 DIRECTOR, POSITION No. 3

John S. Morris
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 029-93 DIRECTOR, POSITION No. 5

Peggy Carroll
Nonpartisan

No statement or photograph was submitted

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 2

No candidate for elective office in Fire Protection District No. 2 chose to submit statement or photograph.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 3 COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 2

Buck Heidrick
Nonpartisan



District 3 is one of the most efficient, professional, responsive, and well managed community oriented emergency service organizations that I am aware of. Staff and management, paid and volunteer are exceptional. It has been a privilege and honor to serve with this team these last several years. With your support, I look forward to the opportunity to continue contributing planning, oversight, and leadership in order to meet community needs now and into the future. Thank you.

Telephone: (360) 687-4853; E-mail: buckeagle@gmail.com

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 5 COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 3**Ron Gibson**
Nonpartisan

As budgets tighten, Fire District 5 commissioners are your advocates for maintaining quality and levels of service you've come to expect. With seven years experience as an accountant, and financial analyst with the city of Vancouver and Vancouver Fire, I know I can help ensure basic services are met in a proficient manner. As your fire commissioner, I will work to assure manpower, equipment, and services are maintained to the best levels possible. Resources are scarce, therefore, implementing reasonable fiscal policy means more assets are available for vital services when you need it most...your fire, or your life-threatening emergency.

Address: 17422 NE 32nd Street, Vancouver 98682; Telephone: (360) 260-9876

Robert M. Torrens
Nonpartisan

Robert Torrens, a fellow citizen who's lived and worked in Fire District Five for over 25 years. He has a documented service record to the community as well as the Fire District. For nearly 22 years, he's chaired citizen committees, sought and won the position of Fire Commissioner. Robert's time of service has been a time of a willingness to courageously advocate for the superior emergency services that you and your family deserve. He is unafraid to continue making the hard decisions that need to be made so your tax dollars represent a maximum return of service to you.

E-mail: rtorrens@msn.com; Web site: www.roberttorrens.com

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 6 COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 3**Casey M. Collins**
Nonpartisan

After serving you, my home town community since 2002 as your fire commissioner, I ask for your support to re-elect me to continue to ensure your tax dollars are properly spent for the best possible safety response to your family and our community.

During my time serving you, Fire District 6 has received two Excellence in Management awards from the Washington Fire Commissioners Association. Together with the support of your Fire Fighters Local 1805, I ask for your vote to re-elect me your Fire Commissioner. Please feel free to contact me at Casey@larryocollins.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Address: Citizens to Re-elect Casey M. Collins, 16014 NW 6th Avenue, Ridgefield 98642; Telephone: (360) 518-2942

David Vial
Nonpartisan

As your Fire Commissioner I hope to assist the board in distinguishing between "Management" duties, which are handled by the Chief, and "governance" duties, which are handled by the board. As I've attended board meetings over the past 18 months it is clear that this understanding of roles is currently lacking. This confusion has led to problems within the department.

My qualifications: I am a 24 year resident of District 6, hold a Masters degree in public administration, have 20 years' experience in government budgeting (including fire departments), and can help the fire district move forward in a professional manner.

Address: 12902 NW 43rd Avenue, Vancouver 98685; Telephone: (360) 573-3642

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 10 COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 2

Beth Goble
Nonpartisan



I have lived in District 10 for over 30 years. I have been attending the Fire Commissioner meetings as a guest for over 5 years. I believe my knowledge of the district will enhance my abilities as a commissioner. I have seen our population grow and change in composition. We have an excellent department that is once again gaining volunteers. As Fire Commissioner, I would like to help keep that trend going, adding trained personnel to lower response times while keeping an eye on our budget and our ever tightening tax dollars.

Telephone: (360) 247-5513

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 13

No candidate for elective office in Fire Protection District No. 13 chose to submit a statement or photograph.

CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 2

James R. (Bob) Johnson
Nonpartisan



I have over 37 years in public safety, experienced in budgets, evaluations and personnel training. During my tenure as Fire Commissioner since 1992, we have expanded our district buildings, increased our personnel staff and equipment to provide fire and emergency medical services to our growing area, while staying within our budget.

We have recently merged with another fire district and completed several planning sessions to make this move successful. My main goals are to provide well trained personnel to respond to fire and medical service calls, have the proper equipment, and continue the High School Fire Cadet Program.

Address: 27117 NE 103rd Avenue, Battle Ground 98604; Telephone: (360) 687-4612

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 3**Mike Berg**
Nonpartisan

Current economic times present many challenges and opportunities for East County Fire & Rescue. Having served as a Firefighter and Fire Captain for over 33 years, I understand the importance of partnerships with local, regional and state agencies to maintain the dynamic level of response that is needed for our community. Careful and deliberate planning will be key to maintaining the District's exceptional service, while being cost effective to the community it serves. I'm committed to the people of our community to make safety, performance, professionalism and accountability the highest priority and address the needs of our citizens.

Address: 3209 NE 357th Court, Washougal 98671; Telephone: (360) 624-1207

Sheldon Tyler
Nonpartisan

I moved to Camas in 1973, worked at the CZ paper mill, and at the Port of CW for 22 years as the Executive Director. I have previously served on ECFR staff selection committees. I volunteer with the YWCA CASA program with children in foster care, and with the Clark County Juvenile Court program called Community Accountability Board.

I want to work with and support current and future staff and crew, be responsible and prudent with all district funds irrespective of their source, be open and accountable for all discussions and decisions, and accessible at all times to the public.

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E-mail: sheltyler@yahoo.com; Web site: Sheldon4firecommissioner.com*

CLARK REGIONAL WASTEWATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 2**Norman Harker**
Nonpartisan

The sanitary sewer issues facing the region in the coming years are of vital importance to the economy and the environment. Experience is needed to guide the formulation of solutions to the problems. It has been a pleasure to serve the District as a commissioner these past years. I look forward to serving the customers of the District in these challenging times ahead. Your support is greatly appreciated.

VANCOUVER PORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 2**Nancy Baker**
Nonpartisan

The economy and job creation have and will continue to be my focus for the next 6 years. As a current Commissioner I have helped the Port increase competitive rail access and share in the Global Market place.

Past accomplishments have been major and significant but the look must be to the future. Long term wind component contracts, wetland mitigation, and long term environmental cleanups.

The Port must look carefully at future development and new and present land users at your Port to assure compatibility and sustainability for many years.

Economy, good jobs and environment are my goals.

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Cell: (360) 608-0897; Web site: electnancybaker.com*

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL PORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 1**Gary Perman**
Nonpartisan

What's wrong with this picture?

Collecting \$2.2M annually in taxes yet the Port continues to fail in their primary mission to create new jobs while undeveloped port lands sit vacant for decades, not generating jobs or taxes. Meanwhile our schools lay off teachers and cut programs – hurting our kids.

I believe in eliminating this ineffective and unnecessary layer of government.

Our cities and private business can do better at creating jobs and revenues, thus directly benefiting our schools and local government. This will reduce our local tax burden by \$2.2M per year.

Gary Perman: life long resident and executive recruiter.

Address: 142 NE Whitney Street, Camas 98607; **Telephone:** (360) 835-2205;

E-mail: Permanforport@comcast.net; **Web site:** www.permanforport.com

Mark Lampton
Nonpartisan

The Port needs to operate openly and decisions should reflect public values. The Port needs to develop a national marketing program with close cooperation from the cities of Camas and Washougal to bring living wage jobs to our communities. We need to enhance our recreational facilities and preserve our historic sites and to maintain them as publicly owned assets. We should strive to keep taxes low and we need to work to amend the leasehold tax formula so that it more directly benefits our schools, police and fire services. With your support I hope to achieve these goals.

Address: 814 W. Y Street, Washougal 98671; **Telephone:** (360) 921-3869

Web site: www.marklamptonforport.com

CAMAS-WASHOUGAL PORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 3**Alan Hargrave**
Nonpartisan

Our community is a great place to live and work. As port commissioner, I'm working to keep it that way! I've worked successfully to obtain state transportation dollars for SR-14, create shovel ready industrial land to attract Port jobs, and improve government transparency.

Our Port will continue to face critical challenges regarding growth, transportation and economic development. Addressing these issues requires strong leadership experience and vision.

I'm dedicated to public service and protecting your tax dollars. With successful private sector experience and life-long knowledge of our community, I bring common sense, sound business practices and fiscal responsibility to your Port.

Address: Committee to Re-Elect Alan Hargrave, PO Box 1066, Washougal 98671;

Telephone: (360) 624-5471; **E-mail:** alanf537@yahoo.com; **Web site:** www.ReElectAlanHargrave.com

Bill Macrae-Smith
Nonpartisan

I am running for this position because I believe the Port has the potential to be of true value to the community. It needs to focus on providing economic benefits by attracting family-wage manufacturing jobs. The Port also offers wonderful recreational venues with the marina, airport, Captain William Clark Park and Parkersville historic site. These can be preserved while being frugal with taxpayers' money. All of these efforts should be conducted with absolute transparency and public input. The Port's veil of secrecy must be removed, and I pledge if elected to reopen the door to your Port.

Telephone: (360) 909-0112 (mobile); **E-mail:** wms@billmacraesmith.com;

Web site: www.billmacraesmith.com

RIDGFIELD PORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 2**Scott Hughes**
Nonpartisan

It has been an honor to be appointed Port of Ridgefield Commissioner to replace our dear friend Roy Randle, who passed away last year. It has been an exciting year at the Port and I look forward in the coming years to continue on our successful track record to help serve the district toward enhancing the port's mission of economic development. Feel free to contact me or attend a port meeting. Your input is always desired and welcome.

Address: 605 N. Main, PO Box 458, Ridgefield 98642; Telephone: (360) 887-8597

RIDGFIELD PORT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 3**D. Joe Melroy**
Nonpartisan

I've enjoyed my 12 years as Port Commissioner and would like to continue in this position and work for the promotion of jobs and an improved economy for the community. I will continue to maintain an open form of government at the Port. If any citizens have any question about what is going on at the Port of Ridgefield, I will be available in person, by telephone, or e-mail to help provide answers about the Port of Ridgefield. Thank you for your support and advice for the past 12 years.

Address: 701 S. Shobert, Ridgefield 98642; Telephone: (360) 903-7330 or (360) 887-4163

CEMETERY DISTRICT No. 1 COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 3**Lois J. Engel**
Nonpartisan

I have enjoyed living in Fern Prairie for the past twenty-one years and been an active member of Peace Lutheran Church in Vancouver since 1977.

Twenty-nine years of clerical experience with Evergreen School District has given me many skills that transfer to the needs of the cemetery board.

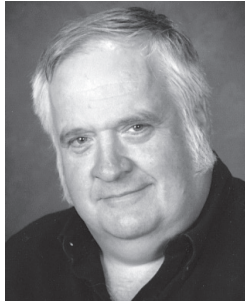
I have supported the dedication and hard work of the present Cemetery Board since they started in 2002. I was asked to complete my late husband's term on the board when he passed away. Now I feel it is time to give back to the community. Your support is appreciated.

John J. Straub
Nonpartisan

Born: Vancouver WA, 1944. Awarded Eagle Scout and God and Country. Graduated CHS 1962, Clark College 1965. Married to Judy, 45+ years. Active in Zion Lutheran Church 50+ years. Grew up and worked in family owned funeral business. Served as Facilities Manager in charge of grounds maintenance of a large complex in Vancouver during fifteen of thirty year BPA career. Concurrently, provided 28 years of fire service to CCFD #9 including Fern Prairie Cemetery District #1.

My goal is to continue the excellent care and maintenance of the Fern Prairie Cemetery and the most efficient and affordable service to users.

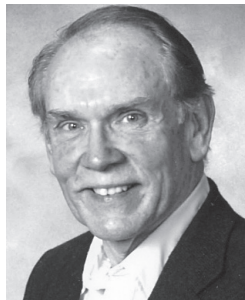
E-mail: straub3462@comcast.net

CEMETERY DISTRICT No. 4 COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 1**Craig D. Lynch**
Nonpartisan

My name is Craig Lynch and I am running for Cemetery District 4 Commissioner position 1. My ties in the community are strong as a fourth generation North Clark County resident and if elected, I will represent the interests of the voters and their families interred in the district's cemeteries with a fair, open, compassionate, and common sense approach.

I am excited to listen to the public's needs and want to ensure that they are fulfilled in a manner of highest satisfaction for all involved. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you.

Telephone: (360) 263-3567; **E-mail:** Cdlynch56@yahoo.com

David A. Darby
Nonpartisan

Clark County resident for 30 years. I have been fighting for our property rights while taxes have become intolerable. I raised my family here and can see that what we are leaving our children is less than what our forefathers left us. It is time for me to give back and share my years of knowledge to the community. This is my way to serve not just the surviving families, but those who have given much to our community in the past. When elected, I will stretch the money entrusted to me as if it were my own.

Telephone: (360) 263-5352; **E-mail:** ddarby63@yahoo.com

Carol West
Nonpartisan

No photograph was submitted

I've lived about 1/2 mile south of the View Cemetery my whole life, except for the two years I lived in Germany with my husband while he was in the Army. We've been married for 39 years, and have two sons, one daughter-in-law and one new grandson. The property we're living on has been in the family for over 100 years. Right now there are four generations of us living here.

I decided to run for cemetery commissioner to give something back to the community our family has lived in for so long.

Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

Address: 36815 NE 119th Avenue, La Center 98629; **Telephone:** (360) 263-3658

CEMETERY DISTRICT No. 4 COMMISSIONER, POSITION No. 3**Gene Winders***Nonpartisan**No photograph was submitted*

I am a life-long resident of North Clark County. Until recently, I owned a successful family business. Since turning the business over to my son, I have more time to devote to my community. With experience in business and rental management, I am well qualified in the financial and maintenance aspects of a business. I actively volunteer with North Clark Lions and would love the opportunity to serve as one of your Cemetery District Commissioners. I would proudly represent our community, ensuring that our cemeteries are well maintained and that our money is being spent wisely. Your vote is appreciated.

Address: 21712 NE 405th Way, Amboy 98601; Telephone: (360) 247-2811

Bob McClellan*Nonpartisan*

A lifelong resident I was raised in View since birth. I have a deep and abiding respect for my home place community and the final resting places of neighbors and friends here in north county. My parents, Minnie (now 93) and Robert, Sr. (deceased), were instrumental in establishing District 4 where my father and his parents are among those now at rest.

A successful business owner and now semi-retired I find I have time to assist in the *stewardship of District 4 cemeteries* (Amboy, Chelatchie Prairie, and View) and have decided to volunteer for one of the three Commissioner positions.

*Address: 11613 NE 368th Street, La Center 98629;
Telephone: cell (360) 263-4060; E-mail: thelastresort.view@gmail.com*

Dennis Lemke*Nonpartisan*

No statement or photograph was submitted



Ballot measures

CITY OF VANCOUVER

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT #1

Concerns claims for damages against the City of Vancouver.

This amendment to Section 11.12 would require damage claims against the City to comply with state law and with any additional requirements established by ordinance in conformity with state law.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

YES

NO

Statement for:

The State of Washington authorizes Cities to establish Charters as a governing document. The City of Vancouver Charter establishes the general guidelines for conduct of its business. State law always supersedes the Charter and other local legislation. State law can change as a result of laws passed by the legislature or as the result of court rulings.

Section 11.12 of the Vancouver City Charter establishes a procedure for filing claims with the City. It was last modified in 1984 by a vote of the citizens of Vancouver. Since 1984, State law regarding the filing of claims has changed. The Vancouver City Charter lists specific references as to the process and details for filing claims. In its current form the Vancouver City Charter is not consistent with State law.

Lack of consistency between State law and the Vancouver City Charter can cause confusion for persons who wish to file a claim, and could result in a claim being denied due to improper filing procedure. Future changes to state law may require additional changes to Section 11.12 of the Charter which could trigger the need to make future referrals to voters.

The Charter Review Commission proposed to the City Council and the City Council has forwarded to the voters a recommendation that Section 11.12 of the Charter be changed to; be consistent with current State law, and to maintain consistency should State law change in the future.

Vote yes on Charter Amendment #1 to change Section 11.12 of the Vancouver City Charter.

Written by:

John Caton and Frank L'Amie

Rebuttal of statement against:

Vancouver deserves a Charter that complies with State law, is clear, and concise. "City-level requirements" should comply with state law. A yes vote on Proposition #1 will restore the Charter's language to compliance with State law and minimize the need to return again to the voters for a Charter change should State law change in the future. *Vote yes on proposition #1!*

Explanatory statement

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1 – Resolution

M-3692 - A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver certain amendments to Section 11.12 of the City Charter relating to presenting claims for damages to the City.

Current Law: The Charter requires filing of a claim before suing the City for damages and requires that certain information is in the claim. State law changes have impacted what information may be required in a claim and how it must be processed. These changes take precedence over the Charter.

Results of passage: Claims for damages against the City would have to comply with basic state law requirements, but Council may by ordinance adopt additional claim provisions if not in conflict with state law.

Statement against:

The current charter, as written, spells out precisely what the City of Vancouver needs a claimant to submit, in addition to whatever is necessary by state law. This creates difficulties for the City because state law overpowers municipal law, and changes much more frequently. A charter that is out of accord with state law will not stand up in court. However, if it is important to you, the voter, that specific City-level requirements are spelled out in the charter, even at the risk of a legal challenge, then vote No on proposed charter amendment #1.

Written by:
Temple Lentz

*No rebuttal of statement for
was submitted.*

CITY OF VANCOUVER**PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT #2**

Concerns reading ordinances aloud upon request of any person.

This amendment to Sections 2.13, 2.14, and 2.15 would eliminate the requirement that ordinances before Council be read aloud on the request of any person present.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

YES

NO

Statement for:

The 2009 Charter Review Committee has considered Sections 2.13, 2.14, and 2.15 of the Vancouver City Charter requiring that ordinances before the City Council be read in full upon the request of any person present. The Charter Review Committee voted unanimously to recommend that these provisions be struck from the Charter and the Council has recommended the changes be placed on the ballot for consideration by the general public.

The City's original 1952 Charter required that the entire text of each ordinance be read in full. In 1967, voters determined this to be unproductive and approved an amendment requiring that only the ordinance title be read. However, provisions remain in sections 2.13, 2.14, and 2.15 requiring the full ordinance be read upon the request of any person. This requirement should be eliminated.

The world has changed dramatically since 1967, much less 1952. Manual typewriters were replaced by electronic typewriters, which were replaced by computers. Carbon paper and mimeographs were replaced by copy machines and the Internet. Accordingly, the public's opportunity to access information, including the full text of all City ordinances, proposed ordinances, and proposed amendments to ordinances, is readily available directly from the City web site and through other means. Further, ordinances must be published at least three days prior to a public hearing. There is no record of any request that an ordinance be read in full since the 1967 amendment was approved by the voters.

Accordingly, we recommend approval of this Change in the Charter.

Written by:

Committee Chair Elson Strahan

Committee Members: Frank L'Amie and Temple Lentz

Rebuttal of statement against:

Should the proposed amendment be approved, this would not eliminate the need for the City to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requiring the City to make reasonable accommodations for individuals with a reading impairment.

Options include a staff member reading the proposed ordinance aloud to the requestor; providing an oral recording; providing a large type or Braille version of the ordinance; or having the documents converted through text-to-audio technology programs.

Explanatory statement

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2 – Resolution M-3693 - A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver amendments to Sections 2.13, 2.14 and 2.15 of the City Charter relating to the requirement that ordinances before Council be read in full upon the request of any person.

Current Law: The Charter currently requires that an ordinance that is being considered for passage by City Council be read in full – aloud – upon the request of any person present.

Results of Passage: The requirement for reading ordinances aloud would be eliminated.

Statement against:

According to City Attorney Judith Zieder, the current City Ordinance requires that a proposed ordinance be read upon the request of any person. The proposed Charter amendment that only the title of the ordinance should be read should not be allowed. To do so would be prejudicial to those who are blind or cannot read. Since there has not been any problem with the current ordinance, there is no advantage to anyone other than politicians.

Written by:

L. M. Patella

E-mail: lmpatella@comcast.net

Rebuttal of statement for:

Passage of this Resolution will violate the American with Disabilities Act and exclude the Blind, and the poor from Public Hearing. Arguments, that given enough time, the city, if asked, provide the requestor with reasonable accommodation is without merit. They cannot not do so in a timely manner. Because this change was recommended by the city when it has not been a problem begs the question *why*? Must be a benefit to the Council.

CITY OF VANCOUVER**PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT #3**

Concerns increasing members on commission that sets mayor/council salaries.

This amendment to Section 2.18 would increase the membership on the Vancouver Citizen's Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries from five to seven.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

YES

NO

Statement for:

Vancouver, with an estimated population of 160,000, deserves broader citizen representation on the commission that determines the yearly salaries of our mayor and six city council members. Our present five commission members each represent 32,000 citizens; adding two commissioners would lower that ratio to approximately 23,000 citizens for each commissioner. The increased number of representatives will provide improved decision-making processes.

Since the commission was established in 1995, Vancouver's population has more than doubled, making our city the fourth largest in Washington State. Our citizens deserve the additional representation for these important decisions that concern us all. Vote "yes" for City Charter Amendment #3, increasing the membership on the Vancouver Citizens' Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries from five to seven.

Written by:

Committee Chairperson: Clarice Schorzman

Committee Member: Jim Martin

Rebuttal of statement against:

The 2009 Vancouver Charter Review Committee, after exhaustive public comments and discussions concerning the above, believed that this process was the most effective and democratic way of handling salaries. Council Members have no input on setting their own salaries but unpaid Vancouver citizens review performances of current salaries and similar cities' salaries for adequate comparisons.

Explanatory Statement

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3 – Resolution M-3694 - A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver an amendment to Section 2.18 of the City Charter to increase the number of members of the Vancouver Citizen’s Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries from five (5) to seven (7).

Current Law: The Charter currently provides that Vancouver Citizen’s Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries has five members. The Commission sets salaries for the Mayor and members of City Council.

Results of Passage: The number of members of the Commission would be increased from five to seven.

Statement against:

A no vote on increasing the number of Salary Review Commission is a must. This is a commission appointed by the Mayor and the City Council. Increasing the number of members would only benefit those whose salaries are being reviewed. The Commission should remain as is until the Charter can be amended to have the Council Salary Review Committee selected by either the voters or at random. Council members should not have a voice in selecting those who are reviewing their salary.

Written by:

L. M. Patella

E-mail: lmpatella@comcast.net

Rebuttal of statement for:

Being the fourth largest city in the state has nothing to do with the Council’s Salary Review Commission representing the people. The people do not have a voice in the selection of those who raise the Council’s Salary, nor do they have a voice in the Commission’s decision-making process. Therefore, there is no valid reason to increase the size of the Commission. Increasing the numbers will not increase representation. *A no vote is required!*

CITY OF VANCOUVER**PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT #4**

Concerns affidavits of circulators of initiative and referendum petitions

This amendment to Sections 10.03 and 10.04 would remove the provision for affidavits of circulators of initiative and referendum petitions to be sworn and require the affidavits be printed on the petitions.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

YES

NO

Statement for:

Each of us wants to feel satisfied when we interact with our government. Many citizens of Vancouver have not felt satisfied when circulating petitions for initiatives or referendums, because they felt that they had to jump through unnecessary “hoops” on the way.

The City Charter requires that individuals circulating petitions swear in a notarized statement that the individual personally circulated the paper, that it bears a stated number of signatures, that all of the signatures were made in the circulator’s presence, and that the individual believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be. State law does not require a sworn, notarized statement. By removing “sworn” from the Charter, the circulator may “affirm under penalty of perjury” to the same statement and sign it, no notary needed.

The City Charter states that the sworn statement shall be “attached” to each petition paper. We endorse the additional change of printing the statement of affirmation on the petition form itself, eliminating an extra piece of paper.

Together, these changes simplify the signature-collection process: Collect the signatures, sign the statement on the same form, and turn it in. The changes meet requirements of State law and make the initiative and referendum procedures easier to navigate. Vote “yes” for City Charter Amendment #4, Removal of the provision for affidavits of circulators of initiative and referendum petitions to be sworn and require the affidavits to be printed on the petitions.

Written by:

Committee Chairperson: Clarice Schorzman

Committee Members: Lisa Ghormley, Robert Higbie

Rebuttal of statement against:

“Things the way they are,” as interpreted by County legal counsel, require the petitioner to “swear” before a notary that the signatures are authentic, then attach the county-generated form to each signature sheet.

Our proposed changes require the petitioner to sign the “affirmation” printed on the signature sheet (no notary required), eliminating two hoops to jump through, all in accordance with state law. Vote yes for a simpler and clearer process for citizens.

Explanatory Statement

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 4 – Resolution No. M-3695 - A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver certain amendments to Sections 10.03 and 10.4 of the City Charter relating to affidavits of circulators of initiative and referendum petitions.

Current Law: A City initiative or referendum petition must have affixed (i.e. attached) to it an affidavit of its circulator. The affidavit may either be sworn under oath or affirmed under penalty of perjury. The Charter does not specify how to affix affidavits to the petitions.

Results of passage: The affidavits could only be sworn “under penalty of perjury,” and printed on the petitions.

Statement against:

The proposed changes to the initiative and referendum process are intended to simplify the process for petitioners but in fact do very little to add clarity. While supporting these changes will likely do no harm to future efforts, they are neither likely to solve what is at its root a problem of interpretation and communication. Voting No on charter amendment #4 keeps things the way they are.

Written by:
Temple Lentz

*No rebuttal of statement for
was submitted.*

CITY OF WOODLAND**PROPOSITION NO. 1****ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON**

Shall the City of Woodland adopt the Council/Manager form of government abandoning the Council/Mayor form of government?

- FOR ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT**
- AGAINST ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR RETAINING THE COUNCIL/MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Statement for:

This proposition is about considering another form of government that would be more effective for a community that has almost doubled in size in the last ten years. This growth has resulted in an increased responsibility for resource management and long-range planning for our City's future.

Woodland's geographic location make it poised for even more dramatic growth in the coming years. This development will bring regulatory, economic, and political challenges that will require twenty-first century management skills.

Woodland's annual budget is over \$14 million dollars – *your* tax dollars. While there is cost involved in hiring a professional, it is an investment with a high rate of return for our community. We cannot afford *not* to have a full-time manager whose primary responsibility is the fiscal well-being of Woodland and the effective delivery of city services.

The manager reports directly to the City Council and is primarily responsible for implementing its policy directives. A manager will prepare business plans and budgets, coordinate daily departmental operations, and direct staff reports on departmental, planning and economic developmental issues.

A change in government structure is a major consideration. Woodland residents should consider the best interests of the City and its future, setting aside personalities and emotion. Have a professionally run city will enhance the opportunities that we have on the I-5 corridor for economic development and tourism and strengthen our relationships with neighboring jurisdictions. Please vote to support this change.

Written by:

Steven B. Madsen, Chairperson; Joyce Raney, Dave Kroon

Rebuttal of statement against:

Woodland needs professional management that is accountable to the City Council. Professional management is the best investment we can make in our community right now. Without proper controls in place, Woodland finances will continue to suffer. As a major hub on the I-5 corridor, demand for City services is going to continue to grow, and we need a professionally managed City to attract the businesses and jobs that will drive our economy into the future.

Explanatory Statement

Washington law permits two forms of government for non-charter code cities: the mayor-council form and the council-manager form. Woodland is currently organized as a mayor-council city. Washington law requires that proposals to change the form of government be submitted to voters. In March, the Woodland City Council passed a resolution proposing a change to the council-manager form of government.

Under the mayor-council form, the mayor is directly elected by the voters and is the executive officer for the City.

Under the council-manager form, the city council elects the mayor. The mayor is selected from council members and performs ceremonial functions. A city manager is hired as an administrator and reports directly to the council.

A “yes” vote is a vote to change Woodland’s form of government to the council-manager form.

A “no” vote is a vote to retain Woodland’s present mayor-council form of government.

Statement against:

Vote no! Why is Woodland voting on a City Manager form of government? Resolution 575 was developed and passed by City Council members with little to no input from citizens. Research into news reports, City Council meeting minutes, and conversations with City Council members indicate that the main intent of this resolution is to remove from office a Mayor who was elected by a majority of the citizens of Woodland.

How will the City pay for the difference between an \$8,000/year Mayor and a \$100,000 to \$150,000/year City Manager? Claims that a City Manager form of government will pay for itself are not based on fact!

Considering the financial situation of the City, now is not the time to increase City expenditures by implementing a new and more expensive form of government. During 2009 the City of Woodland has experienced very challenging budget issues, including the necessity of reducing Public Works maintenance staff. As per quotes from City Council members about the budget year 2010, “It’s going to be a rough year.”

A City Manager is not directly accountable to the voting public. A City Manager reports to the City Council and the check and balance between Mayor and City Council is lost.

In this financial environment should the City of Woodland significantly increase expenses by moving to a City Manager form of government? We don’t think so!

Vote no!

Written by:

Jim Yount, Chairperson; Barbara Karnis and Marshall Allen

*No rebuttal of statement for
was submitted.*

CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
PROPOSITION NO. 1

As a result of a prior merger, the Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners temporarily has five members. In order to retain the greater representation provided by a five member board, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution No. 090708-1 concerning a proposition to permanently increase the number of positions on the Board from three (3) to five (5) members.

Should this Proposition be:

- APPROVED**
 REJECTED

Explanatory statement

Currently Clark County Fire & Rescue has a board of commissioners consisting of three commissioners filling elective positions and two commissioners who are members due to the recent merger of another fire district. Once the terms of the two members from the merged fire district end, their positions will be eliminated and will not be filled by election again. Clark County Fire & Rescue will then have a board of three members. If this proposition is approved, the two positions from the merged fire district will become permanent elective positions on the Clark County Fire & Rescue board of commissioners, which will be composed of five elective members.

Statement for:

In November of last year Fire Districts 11 and 12 merged into Clark County Fire & Rescue. Both fire districts had three (3) fire commissioners each. Under state law the six (6) fire commissioners are slowly reduced back to three (3) over time. This typically takes a number of years and several elections. The current Board of Fire Commissioners is asking the voters to approve an increase in the number of fire commissioners from three (3) to five (5). The Board believes that the current five (5) commissioners are more familiar with the multiple communities served by the District.

Clark County Fire & Rescue provides services to over 120 square miles including the cities of La Center, Ridgefield and Battle Ground, and the unincorporated areas in between. The fire district is now the largest in Clark County. Under state law, voters can approve an increase in the number of fire commissioners. These increases are fairly common when one or more fire districts merge. Five (5) fire commissioners will provide greater representation for the residents of the District and ensure that representation is broad-based. I urge you to vote yes on Proposition 1.

Written by:
 Landis Epp, Committee Chair

No statement against was submitted

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

As a result of a prior merger, the East County Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners temporarily has five members. In order to retain the greater representation provided by a five member board, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution No. 106–04212009 concerning a proposition to permanently increase the number of positions on the Board from three (3) to five (5) members.

Should this Proposition be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Explanatory statement

Currently East County Fire & Rescue has a board of commissioners consisting of three commissioners filling elective positions and two commissioners who are members due to the recent merger of another fire district. Once the terms of the two members from the merged fire district end, their positions will be eliminated and will not be filled by election again. East County Fire & Rescue will then have a board of three members. If this proposition is approved, the two positions from the merged fire district will become permanent elective positions on the East County Fire & Rescue board of commissioners, which will be composed of five elective members.

Statement for:

The current Board of Fire Commissioners is made-up of five members. As part of the merger between District #1 and District #9, a Board of six members is gradually being reduced to a total of three members. The Board desires to keep the Fire Commission at the current five members--which allows the Board greater representation for the residents of the District; and allows two-Commissioner sub-committees to work on projects outside of Regular Board Meetings--for discussion/consideration at Regular Board Meetings (open public meetings). This ballot measure allows the Board to stay at its current five member status. There are no additional operational costs to the taxpayers by allowing the District to retain its current five member Board.

Written by:
Scott Koehler

No statement against was submitted

Complete text of local measures

City of Vancouver Charter Amendment No. 1 RESOLUTION M-3692

A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver certain amendments to Section 11.12 of the City Charter relating to presenting claims for damages to the City.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendments to Section 11.12 of the City Charter, as last amended by vote of the people in 1984, be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

(Proposed language to be added is shown by underlining and any language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikethrough~~.)

Section 11.12 Claims: Any claim for damages against the city shall ~~contain, in addition to~~ comply with the requirements of state law and with such requirements as city council may establish by ordinance under state law, an accurate description of the time, place, and cause of any accident and the nature and extent of any injuries or damages and the items thereof. It must be verified by the claimant, or by someone in the claimant's behalf, and, filed with the city clerk, and (U)unless this section is such requirements are complied with, such claim shall be barred.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

SIGNED this 4th day of August, 2009.

Royce E. Pollard, Mayor

Attest:

R. Lloyd Tyler, City Clerk

By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:
Ted H. Gathe, City Attorney

City of Vancouver Charter Amendment No. 2 RESOLUTION M-3693

A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver amendments to Sections 2.13, 2.14 and 2.15 of the City Charter relating to the requirement that ordinances before council be read in full upon the request of any person.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendments to Sections 2.13, 2.14 and 2.15 of the City Charter, relating to the reading in full of ordinances before council upon the request of any person, be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

(Proposed language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikethrough~~.)

Section 2.13 Procedure for Passage of Ordinances; First Reading: With exceptions of ordinances permitted by state law to be adopted by reference, every ordinance shall be introduced in writing in the form in which it is finally to be passed. The title of such ordinance shall be read and ~~upon request of any person present shall be read in full~~; after passage on first reading, every ordinance shall be published at least once, in full or in summary form as prescribed by state law at R.C.W. 35.22.288, together with a notice of the time and place when and where it will be given a public hearing and be considered for final passage. The first publication shall be at least three days prior to the time advertised for public hearing. Copies of all such proposed ordinances shall be kept available to the public at the office of the city

clerk. Provided, however, that ordinances granting a franchise shall be published in full or in summary once each week for three consecutive weeks prior to finally passing such ordinances.

Section 2.14 Second Reading and Public Hearing: At the time and place so advertised, or at any time and place to which such hearing shall from time to time be adjourned, the title of such ordinance shall be read, ~~or upon the request of any person present, the clerk shall read the proposed ordinance in full.~~ All persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed ordinance.

Section 2.15 Further Consideration; Final Passage: After such hearing, the city council may finally pass such ordinance, with or without amendment, except that if it shall make an amendment which constitutes a change of substance, it shall not finally pass the ordinance until it shall have caused the amended sections to be published at least once, together with a notice of the time and place when and where such amended ordinance will be further considered, which publication shall be at least three days prior to the time stated. At the time so advertised, or at any time and place to which such meeting shall be adjourned, the title of the amended ordinance shall be read, ~~or upon the request of any person present, the amended ordinance shall be read in full~~, and a public hearing thereon shall be held and after such hearing, the governing body may finally pass such amended ordinance, or again amend it subject to the same conditions. The second passage of any ordinance pursuant to this charter shall be final and no further passage shall be required. The final passage of an ordinance requires at least a majority vote in its favor, and the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, and entered in the public journal of city council proceedings. Every ordinance or resolution passed by the city council shall be signed by the mayor and filed with the city clerk, who shall record the same. When an ordinance is put upon its final passage and fails to pass, and a

motion is made to reconsider, the vote upon such motion shall not be acted upon before the next meeting of the city council.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

SIGNED this 4th day of August, 2009.

Royce E. Pollard, Mayor

Attest:

R. Lloyd Tyler, City Clerk

By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Ted H. Gathe, City Attorney

**City of Vancouver
Charter Amendment No. 3
RESOLUTION M-3694**

A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver an amendment to Section 2.18 of the City Charter to increase the number of members of the Vancouver Citizen's Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries from five (5) to seven (7).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendment to Section 2.18 of the City Charter, and relating to the number of members on the Vancouver Citizen's Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries, be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

(Proposed language to be added is shown by underlining and proposed language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikethrough~~.)

Section 2.18 Citizen's Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries: There is hereby created the Vancouver Citizen's

Commission on Mayor/City Council Salaries to consist of five seven members appointed as provided herein and to set the salary and compensation of the City Mayor and City Councilmembers.

The Commission shall consist for five seven members who shall be registered voters and residents of the City of Vancouver. No city officer, official, or employee or immediate family member of any City officer, official or employee shall be eligible for membership on the commission. As used in this section, "immediate family member" means parents, spouse, siblings, children or dependent relative of the officer, official or employee whether or not living in the household of the officer, official or employee.

Commission members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval of the City Council. The first members shall be appointed by January 1, 1995.

Each commission member shall be appointed for a single four-year term of office; except that the first five members appointed to the commission shall be appointed for different terms as follows:

- a. Two members to serve for periods of four years;
- b. Two members to serve for periods of three years; and
- c. One member to serve for a period of two years.

Effective January 1, 2010, two additional members shall be appointed to serve for periods of four years, bringing the total membership of the commission to seven commencing with the review and setting of Mayor and Councilmember salaries for the 2011-2012 budget cycle.

No member shall be removed during his or her term of office unless for cause of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office or for a disqualifying change of residence.

Upon a vacancy in any position on the commission, a successor shall be

selected and appointed to fill the unexpired term. The selection and appointment shall be concluded within 30 days of the date the position becomes vacant and shall be conducted in the same manner as for original appointments.

The commission authority and responsibility shall be as follows:

a. The commission shall study the relationship of salaries to the duties of the Mayor and City Councilmembers and shall fix a salary for each such position by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the commission.

b. Except as provided in this section, the commission shall be solely responsible for its own organization, operation and action and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all city officers, officials, departments and employees.

c. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among their number every two years.

d. The commission shall file its initial schedule of salaries for the positions of Mayor and City Councilmembers with the City Clerk no later than May 1, 1995, and shall thereafter file schedules by May 1st of the applicable later years so as to coincide with the City budget cycle.

e. Each such schedule shall be filed in ordinance form, shall be assigned a chapter number, shall be published in the same manner as a City ordinance, and shall become effective thirty days after filing with the City Clerk. Such schedule shall be subject to referendum in the same manner as provided by Section 10.2 of the City Charter.

f. Signature of the chairperson of the commission shall be affixed on each schedule submitted to the City Clerk.

g. Prior to the filing of any salary schedule, the commission shall hold no fewer than two public hearings thereon within the four months immediately preceding the filing.

The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall receive reasonable reimbursement for their expenses in accordance with state law and city ordinance.

It shall be the duty of all city officers, officials and employees to aid in all proper ways of carrying out the provisions of this resolution. The commission shall have access to all city books, papers, documents and accounts applying or in any way concerning the subject matter of this resolution. Staff shall be assigned to the commission to provide support for its work.

This section shall supersede 2.03 and Section 2.04 of the City Charter but only insofar as they provide for the change of the salaries of the Councilmembers and Mayor by ordinance.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

SIGNED this 4th day of August, 2009.

Royce E. Pollard, Mayor

Attest:

R. Lloyd Tyler, City Clerk

By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Ted H. Gathe, City Attorney

**City of Vancouver
Charter Amendment No. 4
RESOLUTION M-3695**

A RESOLUTION and proposal to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver certain amendments to Sections 10.03 and 10.04 of the City Charter relating to affidavits of circulators of initiative and referendum petitions.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendments to Sections 10.03 and 10.04, as last amended by vote of the people in 2004, and relating to affidavits of circulators of initiative and referendum petitions, be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

(Proposed language to be added is shown by underlining and proposed language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikethrough~~.)

Charter Section 10.03 Petitions

and Committees: All petition papers circulated for the purposes of an initiative or referendum shall be uniform in size and style. Initiative petition papers shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance. Petitions shall be in a form prescribed by the City Clerk, and may be approved in advance as to form by the City Attorney. The signatures to initiative or referendum petitions need not all be appended to one paper, but to each separate petition there shall be attached a statement of the circulator thereof as provided by this section. Each signer of any such petition paper shall sign in ink or indelible pencil and shall indicate after such signer's name, the signer's place of residence by street and number, or other description sufficient to identify the place. On each petition shall appear the names and addresses of the same five registered voters of the city, who, as a committee of the petitioners, shall be regarded as responsible for the circulation and filing of the petition. ~~Attached to~~ Printed on each separate petition paper there shall be an affidavit of the circulator thereof, ~~sworn or~~ affirmed under penalty of perjury, that said circulator personally circulated the foregoing paper, that it bears a stated number of signatures, that all the signatures appended thereto were made in the circulator's presence, and that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.

Section 10.04 Filing and Certifying:

All petition papers comprising an initiative or referendum petition shall be assembled and filed with the city clerk as

one instrument. Within twenty days after a petition is filed, the city clerk shall determine whether each paper of the petition has a proper statement of the circulator and shall convey the signed petition to the officer responsible for the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition under state law for such verification. The city clerk shall declare any petition paper entirely invalid, which does not have ~~attached thereto~~ printed thereon an affidavit ~~sworn or~~ affirmed under penalty of perjury signed by the circulator thereof. If a petition paper is found to be signed by more persons than the number of signatures certified by the circulator, the last signatures in excess of the number certified shall be disregarded. If a petition paper is found to be signed by fewer persons than the number certified, the signatures shall be accepted unless void on other grounds. After completing examination of the petition, and after receiving verification of the sufficiency of such petition signatures from the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state law, the city clerk shall certify the result thereof to the city council at its next regular meeting. If the clerk certifies that the petition is invalid or has insufficient signatures, the clerk shall set forth in a certificate the particulars in which it is defective and shall at once notify the committee of the petitioners of such findings.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 3rd day of August, 2009.

SIGNED this 4th day of August, 2009.

Royce E. Pollard, Mayor

Attest:

R. Lloyd Tyler, City Clerk

By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Ted H. Gathe, City Attorney

**CITY OF WOODLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 575**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY, AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, OF THE PROPOSITION THAT THE CITY SHOULD ADOPT THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND ABANDON THE COUNCIL/MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT; AND, FURTHER, REQUESTING THE COWLITZ COUNTY (AND CLARK COUNTY) AUDITOR TO PLACE SUCH PROPOSITION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WOODLAND.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Chapter 35A.06 RCW (1) authorizes a non-chartered, code city to abandon its plan of government and reorganize under another plan of government, and (2) authorizes the City Council to pass a resolution requesting that a proposition be submitted to the qualified voters within the City of whether the City should abandon its form of government and reorganize under another plan of government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the best interests and general welfare of the City would be served by submitting to the qualified voters in the City the proposition that the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires this proposition be included on the ballot at the next general election and submitted to the qualified voters of the City to decide whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The following proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Woodland at the next general election and be in the form of a ballot title as follows:

PROPOSITION

ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON

Shall the City of Woodland adopt the Council/Manager form of government abandoning the Council/Mayor form of government?

FOR ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

AGAINST ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR RETAINING THE COUNCIL/MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

The City Clerk is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Cowlitz County Auditor (and Clark County Auditor).

PASSED by the City Council this 2nd day of March, 2009.

Chuck Blum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form only:
William Eling, City Attorney

**CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 090708-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5).

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire & Rescue presently consists of five (5) commissioners pursuant to the merger of Clark County Fire Protection Districts 11 and 12; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to RCW 52.06.085 the size of the Board of Commissioners will gradually be reduced to three (3) members; and

WHEREAS, RCW 52.14.015 authorizes the increase of the members of the Board of Commissioners of a fire protection district from three (3) to five (5) in the event such increase would be in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the present members of the Board of Commissioners that an increase in the size of the Board from three (3) to five (5) Commissioners would provide better representation of the citizens in the District given the increase in the size of the District following the merger.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire & Rescue that the Board of Commissioners should be increased from three (3) to five (5) members and that a ballot proposition to provide for such increase should be placed before the voters of the District;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the

legislative body of Clark County and the Clark County Auditor as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, are requested to place on the ballot at the general election in the District to be held on the same date as the State general election on November 3, 2009, the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION
CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE**

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire & Rescue be increased from three (3) to five (5) members?

**Yes
No**

ADOPTED by the Board of Clark County Fire & Rescue, Ridgefield, Washington, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 8th day of July, 2009; the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Gerald R. Kolke, Chair; Michael J. Lambrecht, Commissioner; James R. Johnson, Commissioner; Jon Babcock, Commissioner.

Attest: Dennis E. Mason, Board Secretary

**EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 106-04212009**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5).

Background: WHEREAS, pursuant to a prior merger, the Board of

Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue presently consists of five (5) commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The number of commissioners will be reduced to three (3) unless the voters authorize an increase to five; and

WHEREAS, RCW 52.14.015 authorizes the increase of the members of the Board of Commissioners of a fire protection district from three (3) to five (5) in the event such increase would be in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, The District's prior merger has significantly increased the geographical size of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the present members of the Board of Commissioners that maintaining a five member board by increasing the permissible size of the Board from three (3) to five (5) commissioners would provide better representation of the citizens in the area on the Board of Commissioners of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the unanimous opinion of the Board of Commissioners that it would be in the best interests of the District to increase the number of commissioners from three (3) to five (5) and that such a proposal should be presented to the voters of the District;

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue that the Board of Commissioners should be increased from three (3) to five (5) members and that a ballot proposition to provide for such increase should be placed before the voters of the District;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative body of Clark County and the Clark County Auditor as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, are requested to call an Election in the District to be held on November 3, 2009 in conjunction with the General Election, at which election the following proposition shall

be submitted to the voters:

PROPOSITION

East County Fire & Rescue

As result of a prior merger, the East County Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners temporarily has five members. In order to retain the greater representation provided by a five member board, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution No. 106-04212009 concerning a proposition to permanently increase the number of positions on the Board from three (3) to five (5) members.

Should this Proposition be:
Approved
Rejected

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of East County Fire & Rescue, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 21st day of April, 2009 the following Commissioners being present and voting for the resolution:

Gary L. Larson, Commissioner
Victor N. Rasmussen, Commissioner
Harry L. Goodnight, Jr., Commissioner
Greg N. Cox, Commissioner
John E. Clancy, Commissioner
Scott Koehler, Secretary

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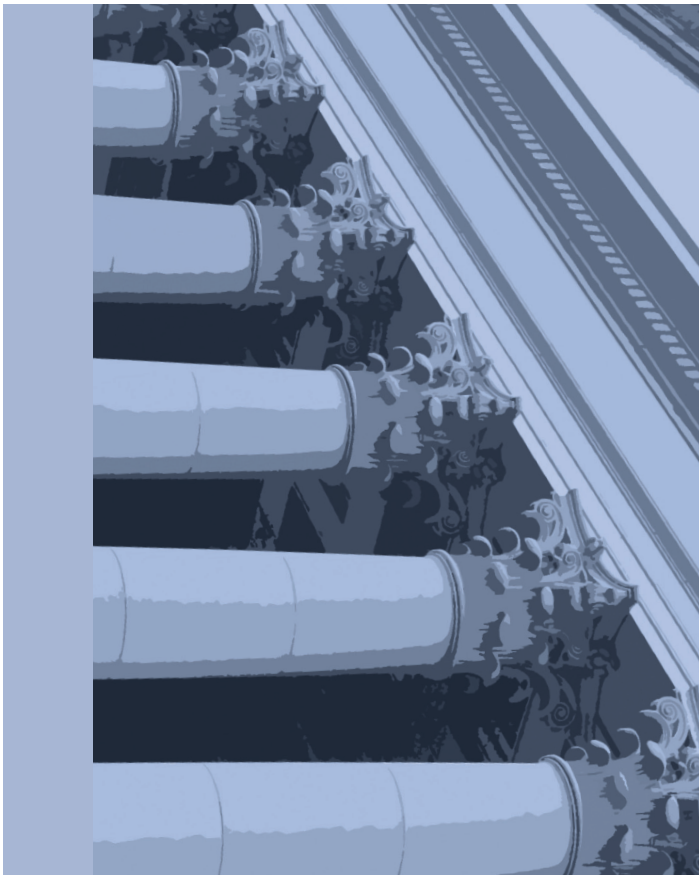
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